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Objective

To increase weather awareness and hazard preparedness while breaking down communication barriers between meteorologists and users of weather information

Professional Profile

Lead Meteorologist at NWS Indianapolis (3/04 to present)

- Initiated and fostered partnership with IMS (Indy 500) for weather safety where we now provide tactical on-site support for races
- Created partnership with Indianapolis Colts to raise awareness of weather hazards by recording audio PSA's
- Created dynamic online spotter training that incorporates Flash Video content to better aid in cloud feature recognition. The training is now required for StormReady recognition at county agencies in the state of Kentucky

Meteorologist at NWS Wichita (12/99 to 3/04)

- Initiated production of weather awareness PSA's done by tv and radio journalist and Kansas native Bill Kurtis
- Co-Leader of local AMS/NWA chapter with then SOO Pete Wolf and responsible for the development of website <http://www.wichita-amsnwa.org>
- Volunteered annually for AMS DataStreme LIT 2000-2003
- Attained Amateur Radio license

Storm Warning Meteorologist at WeatherData Inc. (6/95 to 12/98)

- Responsible for coordinating and transforming client needs into weather products
- Created training material for staff on preparing weather products
- Issued site specific weather warnings and forecasts for various clients nationwide including companies in the Auto and Railroad industry nationwide

Work History

3/04-Current, Lead Meteorologist, National Weather Service, Indianapolis, IN.

12/99-3/04, Meteorologist, National Weather Service, Wichita, KS.

12/98-12/99, Meteorologist Intern, National Weather Service, Milwaukee, WI.

6/95-12/98, Storm Warning Meteorologist, WeatherData Inc., Wichita, KS.

6/94-12/94, Worked/lived in England through BUNAC

6/93-8/93, REU Student, North Dakota Tracer Experiment, Bismark, ND.

Education

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

- BS- Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences 12/93
- Graduated with Distinction

References/Awards

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A full list of NOAA awards and training courses is available upon request