



# *The Four Winds*

*National Weather Service Employees Organization*

## **National Weather Service's Evolving Plans to Part Time Offices**

(March 2, 2017) In the past nine months, NWSEO has received several National Weather Service documents that include plans to part time weather forecast offices and move away from the 27/7/365 forecasting responsibilities for most offices. These plans are part of the NWS Evolve initiative share common goal of a part time office structure. Below is a listing of the plans distributed from July 2016 – February 2017.

### **July 2016 NWS Directors Briefing with DOC Deputy Secretary Bruce Andrews**

NWS Director Dr. Uccellini and former Deputy Director Laura Furgione provided specific details on downsizing weather forecast offices and moving many offices to part-time operations in [a PowerPoint presentation to the Deputy Secretary of Commerce in July 2016](#). Please note that this presentation was made two months prior to the September 28 and 29 All Hands OWA call to employees. In the presentation, please note of Slides 23 and 25:

[Slide 23](#) - IDSS and Warning and Staff Workload - Office size by location - only 40 of the 122 NWS Weather Forecast Offices will retain responsibility for issuing warnings of severe weather.

[Slide 25](#) - Office size by range by locations with responsibilities

### **September 28 and 29, 2016 All Hands OWA Call to Employees**

[NWS Slide 16](#)

[Analysis of NWS Slide 16 – a national picture created by NWSEO](#)

### **February 14, 2017 Presentation developed for NCEP's Annual Operating Plan meeting**

[Slides 23-37 of this 37 slide presentation for NCEP's Annual Operating Plan meeting were distributed but not shown](#). They highlight plans to reduce staff and part time offices. According to this PowerPoint, developed and partially presented by the NWS's Project Management Office, only 37 of the 116 WFOs in the continental U.S. will be operating 24/7/365 by FY 19.

[Slide 28](#): Some offices would no longer retain ongoing responsibilities for a 24/7 meteorological watch, with approximately 600 positions changed from today's staffing model.

[Slide 29](#): The slide shows that only 37 of 116 WFOs will continue with a "24/7/365 Met watch" (designated by the larger circles with red in them). The slide does not indicate what would

happen to the 5 WFOs located in Alaska, Hawaii and Guam, or WSO Pago Pago which serves American Samoa. WFOs currently serving major cities including Houston, San Francisco, San Diego, Philadelphia, Las Vegas, St Louis, Tampa, Cincinnati and Indianapolis are designated as part time.

NWSEO will continue to work to keep offices fully staffed and open 27/7/365. We appreciate your membership and support it brings to the work of our professional organization.

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National Weather Service employees.**

**No one works harder for National Weather Service employees than  
National Weather Service employees.  
We are NWSEO.**