



The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

NWSEO-NOAA AOC Establish Fitness and Wellness Promotion for Employees

(February 1, 2018) NWSEO and the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center (AOC) have negotiated a Physical Fitness and Wellness Promotion Program to establish policy to authorize NOAA AOC employee's excused leave for physical fitness and wellness. A healthy and physically fit workforce will enhance the missions of civilians and officers who work to manage and operate NOAA's fleet of 16 research and survey ships and nine aircraft of the Office of Marine and Aviation Operation (OMAO). OMAO ships and aircraft provide information from hurricanes, navigation hazards and aerial images of disaster for emergency workers and the American public.

Highlights from the [Memorandum of Agreement](#) on the Physical Fitness and Wellness Promotion Program include the following:

Enhanced Missions

- Help employees to meet the requirement of Medical Clearance for Flight Crew members and aircrew members
- Enhance the Agency's ability to complete mission with maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

Authorized Time

- The exercise time period is up to 59 minutes per day, up to 3 hours per week.

Establish Goal

- Encourage and motivate employees to develop a healthy lifestyle and enhance the quality of work-life and productivity.

The Memorandum of Agreement on the Physical Fitness and Wellness Promotion Program is the result of the collaborative efforts of AOC NWSEO members and AOC management's willingness to provide the employees the best quality of work life possible. "We are grateful to Todd Richards and labor relations at AOC for their hard work negotiating and obtaining this tangible benefit on behalf of all NOAA AOC employees," noted Dan Sobien, NWSEO National President.

*For the full MOU, please click the link above or visit http://nwseo.org/member_news.php

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