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Weather Support for Public Safety at Outdoor Events

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VLCT conveys this information from the Burlington office of the National Weather Service (NWS).

Dear Public Safety Partners,

Weather plays a crucial role to the safety of thousands of patrons, vendors and organizers at hundreds of outdoor venues (Fairs, Festivals, Holiday Celebrations, Graduations, etc.) annually in Vermont and New York. Hazards can be thunderstorms, heat, cold, strong winds or flooding.

A goal of the National Weather Service (NWS) is to **work closely with emergency managers and public safety officials**, to provide critical weather information when hazardous weather approaches an event, for overall public safety.

If you are an **emergency manager or public safety official, use this form** to request NWS weather support(opens in a new tab) for a **vulnerable outdoor event.** PLEASE SUBMIT NO LATER THAN 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

A vulnerable outdoor event *is defined as an event that,* ***due to a sudden weather emergency, requires additional time to safely evacuate*** *patrons from the venue. This is NOT a rain vs. no rain forecast. If you want hourly forecasts for your event, please go to the following site and choose your location -* www.weather.gov/forecastpoints(opens

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in a new tab).

If immediate weather support is needed or if you're within one week of the event and you have not heard back from us, please contact the National Weather Service Burlington, VT office directly at 1-802-863-4279.

If you have any questions about these services, please reach out to me.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

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