

Susan Buchanan - NOAA Federal

From: Susan Buchanan - NOAA Federal
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:18 PM
To: Chris Darden - NOAA Federal
Cc: Dennis Feltgen - NOAA Federal; Jose Garcia
Subject: Re: Media inquiry from Washington Examiner

Hi Chris - we'll take care of it. Thank you for forwarding. I'll close the loop with you after we respond. Thanks for the supporting information! -Susan

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On Tue, Sep 3, 2019 at 2:32 PM Chris Darden - NOAA Federal <chris.darden@noaa.gov> wrote:
Susan,

We received this request from the Washington Examiner. I would assume that PA would like to handle this one?

As I mentioned in the email to the staff Sunday evening, the general timeline was as follows:

Day shift on Sunday starts to receive a large/inordinate amount of calls and post/questions on social media about possible impacts in Alabama (from Dorian).

(b)(6) send out a note on social media (Twitter/FB) to let folks know that Dorian does not appear to be a threat for the state.

Some time later (they estimate about 10 minutes), the staff is made aware of the POTUS tweet when James Spann direct responds to the POTUS Tweet. That was the first time the staff in the office saw it.

So, in short, our tweet/FB post was to try and dispel rumors and not in "direct" response to the POTUS.

Thanks.

Chris

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From: **sr-bmx.webmaster** <sr-bmx.webmaster@noaa.gov>
Date: Tue, Sep 3, 2019 at 1:03 PM
Subject: Fwd: Media inquiry from Washington Examiner
To: Chris Darden <chris.darden@noaa.gov>

Chris,

We got the following email in the webmaster account yesterday. I'll let you or NWS PA handle it. Thanks!

Tara

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Subject:Media inquiry from Washington Examiner

Date:Mon, 2 Sep 2019 20:38:18 -0400

From:Daniel Chaitin <dchaitin@washingtonexaminer.com>

To:sr-bmx.webmaster@noaa.gov

Good evening,

President Trump tweeted on Saturday that Hurricane Dorian may hit Alabama. 20 minutes later the National Weather Service tweeted "Alabama will NOT see any impacts from #Dorian. ... The system will remain too far east."

Can you tell me if this message from NWS was sent in response to Trump or because of calls coming into the station from people concerned the hurricane would be turning towards Alabama?

Regards,
Daniel Chaitin
240-644-7271
Washington Examiner

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