

# AMS WASHINGTON FORUM

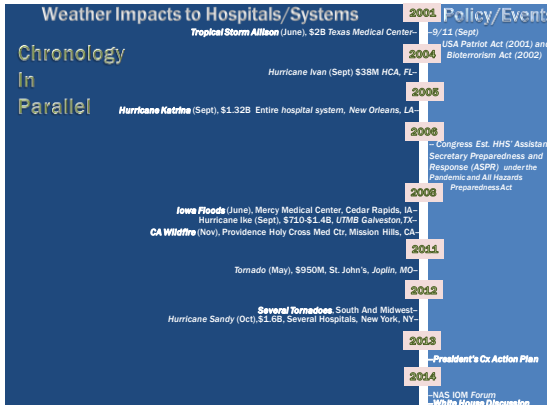
## Hospital Panel Discussion

Tuesday,  
21 April 2015



## PANEL OBJECTIVES

- Inform the Enterprise on Federal-level activities on hospital resilience
- Communicate the Weather, Water, and Climate information **needs** to achieve it
- Talk about key challenges: user data trust/fidelity and knowledge on where to find data or providers...*and more*
- Dialogue on how we can best leverage Enterprise assets: Weather-Ready Nation Framework, AMS Commission or AMS STAC to inform, engage, and support our sector



## SETTING THE VISION

**Fourth Geneva Convention, Article 18, 1949**  
(ratified by the U.S. in 1955)

*"...hospitals organized to give care to the wounded and sick, the infirm and maternity cases, may in no circumstances be the object of attack, but shall at all times be respected and protected by the Parties to the conflict."*

- If we consider the conflict as "environmental assaults", are we in the Enterprise among the "parties to the conflict"?... In this context
- Strategic (*partnerships that will empower our sector to meet the challenge for resilience and continuity*) and Tactical elements (*bridging weather and climate scale...as well as space weather dimensions*)?

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**Panelists:**

- **Dr. John Balbus**, Senior Advisor, NIH/NIEHS and Co-Chair Interagency Crosscutting Group on Climate Change and Human Health of the U.S. Global Climate Research Program (USGCRP), and Deputy Chair of the AMS Board on Environment and Health
- **Wendy Levine**, Physical Scientist, NOAA/NWS/COO
- **John Messervy**, Corporate Director of Design and Construction/Architect, Partners Healthcare, Inc.
- **Bob Goldhammer**, Consultant, WeatherCall and Emergency Manager, and Co-Chair, AMS Emergency Management Committee

*Moderator:* Wendy Marie Thomas, Meteorologist, NOAA/NWS/DSS