

**Opening General Session**  
**Greater Fort Lauderdale ♦ Broward County Convention Center**  
**Grand Floridian Ballroom**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Moderator:**

**Bill Proenza**

Regional Director  
National Weather Service Southern Region  
Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Directors  
Governor's Hurricane Conference

**1:30 – 2:45 p.m.**

**Speakers:**

**Welcome**

**Stacy Ritter**

Broward Mayor

**Ruben Almaguer**

Deputy Director  
Florida Division of Emergency Management

**Craig Fugate**

FEMA Administrator Nominee (Invited)

**Dr. Jay Baker**

Professor, Department of Geography  
Florida State University

**Joe Becker**

Senior Vice President for Disaster Services  
American Red Cross

**Break in Exhibit Hall**

**2:45 – 3:30**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Speakers:**

**Bill Read**

Director, National Hurricane Center

**Dr. Neil Frank**

Former Director, National Hurricane Center  
Chief Meteorologist, KHOU-TV, Houston, Texas (Retired)

**Dr. William Gray**

Professor, Department of Atmospheric Science  
and

**Philip Klotzbach**

Research Scientist/Scholar  
Colorado State University

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**Awards Luncheon**

**Greater Fort Lauderdale ♦ Broward County Convention Center**  
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**Thursday, May 14, 2009, Noon – 1:30 p.m.**

**Moderator:**

**Merci Karl**

Awards Committee Chair  
Chair, State Government Relations Liaison  
American Red Cross

**Awards Presenter:**

**Charlie Crist**

Governor  
State of Florida