



**Florida International University's International Hurricane Research Center,  
Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Museum of Discovery and  
Science to Host FREE Admission *Eye of the Storm* Event**

*FREE for the community, the annual event storms into MODS with hurricane science, mitigation and preparedness, storm science demos, the latest weather tech and a new secure onsite mobile community paper shredding truck on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla., (April 26, 2022)** – The *Eye of the Storm* is heading your way! The community's favorite electrifying hurricane annual event rolls into Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Florida International University's International Hurricane Research Center (FIU-IHRC), Broward County Emergency Management Division, the City of Fort Lauderdale Domestic Preparedness and Emergency Management Bureau and MODS once again hosts this FREE Museum admission day sponsored by the FIU-IHRC and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM).

“As Broward County’s dynamic hub for resiliency education and community solutions to help mitigate the impact of climate change, MODS is the ideal space to prepare South Florida for the upcoming storm season and beyond,” said **Joseph P. Cox, president and CEO at MODS**. “This annual event allows our community to receive the most up-to-date science and information to help keep their families safe and protected during the upcoming storm season. Admission to the Museum and events are FREE as we are committed to accessibility and making sure that our resources are available to everyone in our community, regardless of income.”

Welcome back to the *Eye of the Storm*! With a busier-than-average predicted season, we are excited to partner with FDEM and MODS once again to showcase hurricane science, mitigation and preparedness, the most up-to-date storm-tracking technology and the latest research to attendees,” said **Erik Salna, associate director for education and outreach at FIU’s Extreme Events Institute and International Hurricane Research Center and host of *Eye of the Storm***. “Join us at MODS for *Eye of the Storm 2022* as we connect South Florida residents with hurricane experts, local emergency management, community relief agency and interactive science.”

**Admission is FREE! Future Storm Chasers will experience:**

- Exciting presentations and interactive demos by hurricane experts.
  - International Hurricane Protection Association Air Cannon Missile Demonstrations
  - FIU NSF-NHERI Wall of Wind Exhibit
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
  - MODS Weather Science Demonstrations
- Kids Zone:
  - Weather Safety
  - Weather Art & Crafts
  - Story time
  - Mascots
- Emergency vehicle “Touch a Truck” and meet & greet with South Florida first responders and canine units.
- Test your building skills at MODS’ wind tunnel construction zone, explore weather-related engineering challenges in *The Hangar* Makerspace and make-and-take your own barometer.
- Help protect your privacy, identity and confidentiality with a **FREE** secure onsite mobile community paper shredding truck, sponsored by AARP. The truck will be located in the Museum’s bus loop from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (or when the truck is full.) The community can bring boxes of paper items only. All metal spines, paper and binder clips should be removed. Staples are acceptable.

Admission to MODS during the *Eye of the Storm* event is **FREE** thanks to the generous sponsors of FIU-IHRC and FDEM. Tickets can be reserved by visiting [mods.org/2022eyeofthestorm](https://mods.org/2022eyeofthestorm) or on-site at the Museum box office upon arrival.

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1 and runs through November 30, peaking in late August through November.

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**ABOUT FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM):**

The Florida Division of Emergency Management plans for and responds to both natural and man-made disasters. These range from floods and hurricanes to incidents involving hazardous materials or nuclear power. The division prepares and implements a statewide Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and routinely conducts extensive exercises to test state and county emergency response capabilities. The division is the state's liaison with federal and local agencies on emergencies of all kinds. Division staff members provide technical assistance to local governments as they prepare emergency plans and procedures. They also conduct emergency operations training for state and local governmental agencies. For more information, please visit [floridadisaster.org](https://floridadisaster.org).

**ABOUT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) INTERNATIONAL HURRICANE RESEARCH CENTER (IHRC):**

The IHRC is a multi-disciplinary research and education organization within the FIU Extreme Events Institute at Florida International University in Miami. As a NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador, the IHRC is focused on a single mission: to reduce hurricane damage and loss of life through more effective mitigation. The IHRC conducts both basic and applied research. The IHRC's current studies involve such areas as: household mitigation and evacuation; storm hazard and vulnerability mapping, economic loss modeling and wind engineering and the NSF-NHERI Wall of Wind. The IHRC also collaborates actively with the NOAA National Hurricane Center (NHC), co- located with the NWS-Miami Office on the FIU main campus. For more information, please visit [ihrc.fiu.edu](http://ihrc.fiu.edu).

**ABOUT BROWARD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION:**

The Broward County Emergency Management Division develops and implements comprehensive emergency planning response, mitigation and recovery activities in order to save lives and protect property in emergencies. Technical assistance is available to develop and maintain emergency plans for all types of hazards. Free training and presentations are available to the public on request. For more information, visit [Broward.org/Emergency](http://Broward.org/Emergency), follow on Twitter [@ReadyBroward](https://twitter.com/ReadyBroward) and [Facebook.com/BrowardEMD](https://Facebook.com/BrowardEMD) or call 954.831.3900.

**ABOUT CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUREAU:**

The City of Fort Lauderdale Domestic Preparedness and Emergency Management Bureau is responsible for developing, organizing and facilitating classroom training and disaster preparedness exercises for the City of Fort Lauderdale. The City of Fort Lauderdale Domestic Preparedness and Emergency Management Bureau encourages and promotes our neighbors to be well trained and prepared. For more information on how to assist in making your community safer, stronger and better prepared please contact [FTL.EM@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:FTL.EM@fortlauderdale.gov), follow on [Facebook.com/City of Fort Lauderdale CERT](https://Facebook.com/City of Fort Lauderdale CERT) or call 954.828.6700.

**ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE (MODS):**

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. MODS connects people to inspiring science. The Museum encompasses more than 150,000 square feet of interactive exhibits. This includes all of our permanent and traveling exhibits, as well as our outdoor Science Park. Families can enjoy super science shows and demonstrations, wild Creature Feature animal encounters, private experiences, mind-blowing Makerspace labs, cool camps, unforgettable birthday parties, engaging field trips and STEM curricula, professional development workshops for educators, distinguished speakers, and more. In addition to daily hours, MODS' STEMobile delivers STEM education on location across South Florida! A STEMobile experience ranges from one-hour to full-day with programming for pre-kindergarten through adult and is available for schools, community centers, corporate team building and special events! All

programs can be customized for time, group size and age group. Book a STEMobile visit today. Free programs and scholarships are available!

The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit [mods.org](http://mods.org) or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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