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From: Scott Smullen - NOAA Federal
Sent: Sunday, September 8, 2019 10:20 AM
To: Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal
Cc: Susan Buchanan - NOAA Federal; Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Update to statement

Seeing Susan's note, then your original statement is accurate.

On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 10:13 AM Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal <christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov> wrote:

Will keep it as is

On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 10:12 AM Susan Buchanan - NOAA Federal <susan.buchanan@noaa.gov> wrote:
George and Andy directed the Ops Center to reach out to the ROCs with this guidance, which was requested by Julie - specifically for the benefit of keeping the field focused on operations and not detracting from the important work they were doing (I have email speaking to this). They did so on behalf of Louis and Mary. When the directive went out, Mary provided a copy to Julie. So ... it's important we don't try to push this down the chain of command.

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On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 10:04 AM Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal <christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov> wrote:

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Is this statement referring only to Andy Stern (and perhaps George), if so then NWS leadership may be an overstatement that implies (Louis and Mary), are we better off with:

A manager at NWS sent guidance to field staff so they (and the entire agency) could maintain operational focus on Dorian and other severe weather hazards without distraction. The guidance made no reference to the president. - NWS Spokesperson

On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 9:44 AM Susan Buchanan - NOAA Federal <susan.buchanan@noaa.gov> wrote:
looks good

On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 9:41 AM Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal <christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov> wrote:

How's this?

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Additionally, this statement was provided to The Washington Post but it does not appear in their print story

On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 9:32 AM Susan Buchanan - NOAA Federal <susan.buchanan@noaa.gov> wrote:
Chris - there is a phrase missing from the statement in your snippet. Here is the full statement:

NWS leadership sent this guidance to field staff so they (and the entire agency) could maintain operational focus on Dorian and other severe weather hazards without distraction. -NWS Spokesperson

I suggest adding something like this: [REDACTED] (b)(5)

On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 9:26 AM Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal <christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov> wrote:

[REDACTED] (b)(5) do we need to adjust this statement at all? I can then send it to The Hill and MSNBC.

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