

Madeleine Stone

From: Madeleine Stone
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 11:09 PM
To: Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Following up...

Hi Chris,

Do you have any information on the origin of [this statement by NOAA](#)? Who wrote it, why NOAA chose to put out a statement discrediting information tweeted by NWS Birmingham, and why it was released on a Friday evening? Working on a story for Vice next week. Thanks.

Maddie

On Mon, Aug 26, 2019 at 5:17 PM Madeleine Stone <maddiemartastone@gmail.com> wrote:
Got it Chris, makes sense. Thanks for letting me know.

Cheers,
Maddie

On Mon, Aug 26, 2019 at 5:02 PM Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal <christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi Maddie-

Following up on behalf of NOAA, with our focus on Tropical Storm Dorian approaching the Caribbean (and the newly-formed Tropical Depression Six off the East Coast), we are going to defer to this comprehensive response on the topic of hurricanes and nukes (<https://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/tcfaq/C5c.html>). The topic of stopping hurricanes, through various means, has come up every year for decades. Some of these theories are explained and debunked in this broader [FAQ](#) (see C5). I'll also note that the FAQs were written more than 20 years ago (while the index page itself was updated in 2018, the content linked from it is much older).

The primary focus of NOAA's Hurricane Research today is achieving better physical understanding of hurricanes and the improvement of forecasts.

Thanks...
-Chris



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