



The town of St. James Emergency Management Group held the annual Severe Storm Seminar on June 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Homer Wright Events Center.

Residents heard presentations from national and local organizations on potential impacts from severe weather to our community, how we should plan, and how to prepare for events.



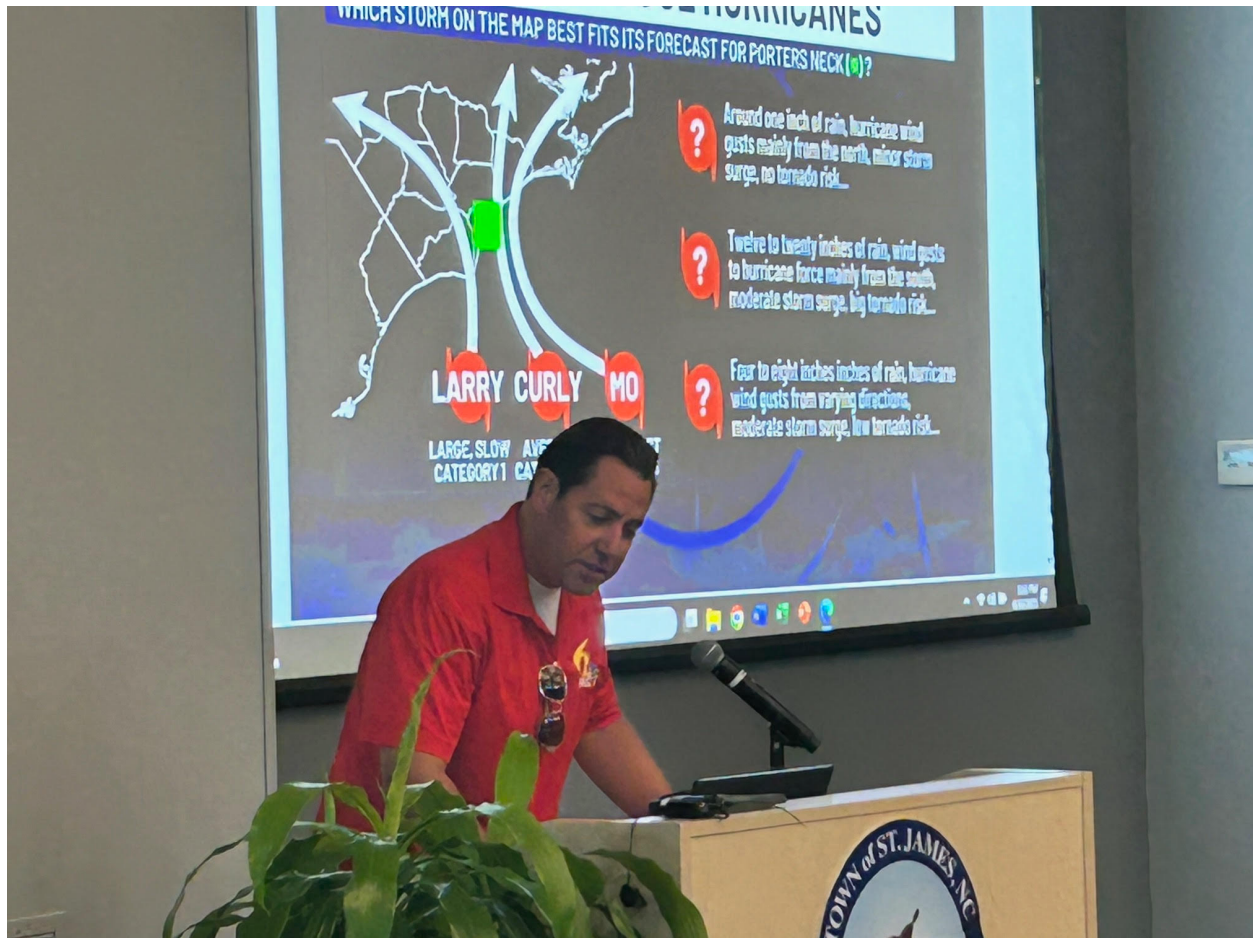
Key takeaways from the presentations include:

The Town of St. James Emergency Management Team organized this event to help our residents plan for, mitigate, and recover from severe storms. A recording of the presentations is available on the town website.

The National Weather Service - Wilmington. The talented team of weather experts in the Wilmington office will provide accurate and updated information on weather systems that will impact us. In 2025 the forecast is for an above average number of named storms.

Brunswick County. It is reassuring to know that we have a number of County agencies that are well prepared and equipped to help our community before, during, and after an event. Presentations from the Sheriff and the Brunswick County Emergency Management Team outlined many of the resources available.

WECT. Chief Meteorologist Gannon Medwick described the importance of having an accurate source of real time updates for severe weather. He provided a number of examples of tropical events that can quickly change direction and strength.



The POA and St. James Fire Department are prepared to take actions to help mitigate the impacts of a storm and to quickly help with recovery.

Be aware that if the Mayor orders a mandatory evacuation and you elect to stay, emergency teams will not respond if it is not safe for them to do so.

The most important takeaway from every presentation was to have a plan for yourself and your property. Go to the Emergency Management Department on the Town of St. James website for resources that will help you put together a plan:

<https://www.townofstjamesnc.org/departments/emergencymanagement>

If you missed the Seminar a recording of all the presentations is available on this link.

[https://www.townofstjamesnc.org/media/presentations/StormSeminar\\_June2025.mp4](https://www.townofstjamesnc.org/media/presentations/StormSeminar_June2025.mp4)