

**High Plains AMS/NWA Conference
13 February 2025 – Dodge City, KS**

Call for Papers

The High Plains Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and National Weather Association is sponsoring the High Plains Conference this 13 February 2025 in Dodge City, Kansas at the Best Western Plus Hotel - Conference Center. Unlike most years, the conference is being pared down to a single, partial-day event compared to the normal two-day schedule in order to accommodate limited travel budgets for National Weather Service employees. Additionally, the registration fee will also be waived while no banquet or virtual presentation/attendee option will occur in order to further reduce costs and keep the event duration short enough for a partial day. The conference will start at approximately 8 am on 13 February 2025 and conclude no later than early afternoon.

The general theme of the conference centers on weather that impacts the Great Plains region of the U.S. with a broad range of topics typically covered. Discussion areas can include talks on severe-convective storms, winter weather, climate, societal impacts, emerging technologies, and remote sensing capabilities with radar and satellites.

The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Cameron Nixon from SPC/CIWRO as he will be presenting on his latest research with tornado and/or hail-based topics.

The morning and any afternoon session will allow each individual 15-20 minutes for presenting including any questions. Abstracts should be no more than one page in length. Further, titles and one to two paragraph abstracts should include each author's name and affiliation along with any pertinent references. NWS employees are reminded they should have their Science & Operations Officer review the abstract in accordance with NWSPD-100 (Clearance for the NWS Employee Papers).

Abstracts are now being accepted for the conference with a submission deadline of 13 January 2025. This deadline will not be extended due to NWS group travel requirements. Authors will be notified of acceptance via email by 15 January 2025. Abstracts may be sent to: aaron.johnson@noaa.gov.

Preliminary program, registration, hotel and general information will be posted on the High Plains Conference webpage as it becomes available (<http://www.highplains-amsnwa.org/index.html>). Information can also be found on the chapter Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HighPlainsChapterAMS.NWA/>).

You may also contact Wesley Hovorka (wesley.hovorka@noaa.gov) or Aaron Johnson (aaron.johnson@noaa.gov) for any questions.