

LIGHTNING DATA CENTER MINUTES

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Quote of the Month: "...the group, including two adults and six kids, were away from the water 'conducting a lightning drill spread out among the trees' when lightning hit the stand of trees above the group, causing ground effects from an indirect lightning strike. Three people suffered injuries ranging from superficial burns to temporary loss of consciousness, while everyone in the group complained of numbness." GOMN.COM, June 20, 2016. Link: <https://www.gomn.com/news/falling-tree-kills-1-lightning-strike-injures-3-in-boundary-waters-canoe-area>

1. Members Present: Clark, Langford, Wachtel, Beckmann, Yarnell, Elder and Claus. Meeting began at 11:55 AM and ended at 1:00 PM. Clark moderated.
2. Steve Clark mentioned a recent report of an on-duty teacher struck by lightning during a snowstorm. She was holding an umbrella while standing outside a school building when she was hit. She reported feeling a tingling feeling. She was fully conscious following the strike and was treated at a hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Steve will try to get satellite and radar imagery for this event.
3. Ken Langford reiterated his desire to find a survivor who would be willing to undergo a fMRI scan in an effort to ascertain whether or not physical damage occurs in the brain from lightning strikes. Howard Wachtel suggested we contact the granting office at the hospital to see what we can find out. We watched an old 60 Minutes episode (The Invisible Wounds of War. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ug9fJ4c6PsY>) detailing the founding of NICoE - National Intrepid Centers of Excellence.
4. Questions, comments, notification of errors, and critiques of these minutes are welcome. Please forward those to Steve Clark at: sclarktoto@gmail.com. Please keep your communications professional and respectful. Communications will be forwarded to the appropriate author(s) of the minutes and addressed accordingly.
5. LDC Disclaimer: These minutes do not represent official positions of the LDC or its members. They simply reflect the comments made at the meeting. Furthermore, the LDC does not implicitly or explicitly recommend or endorse any product or service. Any product or service presented in these minutes is done so for purposes of discussion and analysis. The merit (or lack thereof) is open for the consideration and review by the entire membership.
6. Next meeting: Friday, April 13, 2018, from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Anthony Hospital West. Room: Conference Rooms E & F. Meeting Format: TBA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven E. Clark, Consulting Meteorologist

Lightning Links

This is a monthly listing of periodicals, websites, and videos about lightning and allied areas from a variety of sources. A headline or description is listed, followed by the link. Please note that some of the links are perishable, which means you'll need to go to the source for the information.

2018: Perez, C. Teacher on Duty Struck by Lightning During 'Thundersnow'. *New York Post*. March 7, 2018. Link: https://nypost.com/2018/03/07/teacher-on-bus-duty-struck-by-lightning-during-thundersnow/?utm_source=email_sitebuttons&utm_medium=site%20buttons&utm_campaign=site%20buttons
