

Climate and Extreme Heat: A Town Hall on Community Resilience and Public Health

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Please join us at The Field Museum in Chicago, IL on **July 29, 2015 from 7-8:30pm CDT**. The Town Hall will be STREAMED LIVE online for those unable to attend in person. Please register for this event here: [TOWN HALL REGISTRATION](#) and you will receive a ticket to the StormCenter Event at the Field Museum.

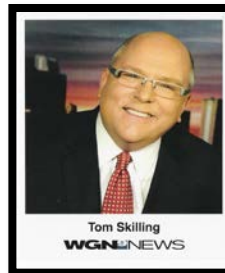
Extreme events are on the rise, including heatwaves, drought, floods, and heavy snowfall in different parts of the nation. Heat waves kill more Americans than any other type of natural phenomena because they are persistent, unrelenting and communities are not well prepared. Everyone—from children to athletes to outdoor workers—is impacted by the heat. Those most at risk are the elderly, homeless and low-income residents.

The Climate and Extreme Heat Town Hall brings together experts in healthcare, weather, climate, emergency management and interested citizens to discuss how communities can become better prepared for these long-term threats. The Town Hall will discuss important questions such as: What types of informational products can be produced and distributed to generate a ‘whole of community’, ‘whole of government’ approach to addressing heat waves? Is it possible to develop a ‘National Heat Health Information System’ that provides critical and timely information to health and community decision makers on a sustained basis? What does it take to activate communities to work together to meet the growing challenges of extreme events such as heatwaves? And, what do we need from science to get there? We will discuss these questions and more.

Panelists:



*Dr. Cort Lohff, Director
of Environmental Health
for the Chicago
Department of Public
Health*



*Mr. Tom Skilling, Chief
Meteorologist WGN-TV*



*Mr. Gary Schenkel
Executive Director of
Emergency Management
and Communications, City
of Chicago*



*Dr. Richard Spinrad,
Chief Scientist, NOAA*

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