Metro Atlanta AMS/NWA Chapter Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 2012
7:00pm ES&T Building, Ga Tech

7:05pm Daniel Calls Meeting into Session
   - Initiates introductions within chapter

7:08 Encourages congregation to join chapter membership, dues paid in person to Sean or online
7:09 Call for polo shirt orders
7:10 Call for interest on working on the AMS Chapter poster for the National AMS meeting – interested parties should contact the President ASAP
7:11 Encourages congregation to join national AMS
7:12 Recap of last month’s meeting at the Cherokee County EOC, Robby Westbrook was the guest speaker
7:13 Introduces Guest Speaker Meg Pirkle, who is the Director of Operations at the Georgia Department of Transportation
   - GDOT is responsible for 18,000 miles of public roads, 540 miles of railroad, 104 Publicly owned airports, two coastal shipping ports, and
   - Workforce of 4,380 employees statewide
   - Operations during inclement weather:
     - Incident management
     - Construction
     - Routine maintenance
   - GDOT is connected with GEMA for any major collaborative events
- 399 snowplows statewide (had 316 during the snowstorm of 2011) About 30 plows stay in south Georgia, the rest stay in the central and northern state

- Enhanced Communications Efforts regarding GDOT’s preparation to the public, includes updates on Facebook and Twitter

- Started up an Emergency Operations Center Online Application for sharing info with local government departments and administrations

- Winter Weather road management: a big challenge is communicating drivers the importance of managing expectations (ie, New Jersey snow drivers versus Georgia snow drivers)

- Hurricanes: practice case studies and demos so that they are prepared

- Georgia was the first state to try and implement Contraflow (1999 for Hurr. Floyd) – it has only been done on I-16. Contraflow on I-75 would require collaboration with Fla DOT

- 25% of all roadway fatalities are due to weather-related events, the majority of which are due to rain

**Q and A Time**

8:11 President thanks guest speaker with presentation of the AMS mug

8:12 President teases upcoming meetings and chapter activities