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Speaker Biography**

BRYAN NORCROSS

Bryan Norcross became nationally known after he "talked South Florida through" Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Since that time, he has anchored the coverage of numerous hurricanes for WFOR-TV in Miami and for 12 years provided analysis for CBS News. Prior to that he worked for NBC as well.

Bryan appeared frequently on CBS News programs, including the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather and now Katie Couric. Bryan also appeared frequently as the primary fill-in weatherman on the CBS Early Show with Bryant Gumbel.

Bryan is currently President and CEO of a new company named America's Emergency Network, Inc. Along with Max Mayfield, Bryan has designed a robust, satellite-based emergency-communications system that will continue to work after a disaster. The system allows local governments and other agencies to stream live news briefings and also send critical text bulletins to the public and the media, even when power lines, phone lines, cell phones, and cable are all knocked out. The system is in the beta phase at the current time.

After Hurricane Andrew, Bryan was named Expert Advisor to the Academic Task Force on Hurricane Catastrophe Insurance by Florida State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson, and was a member of the Governor's Committee to evaluate state response and recommend changes to the state emergency management system by Governor Lawton Chiles.

In appreciation for his work before, during and after Hurricane Andrew, Bryan received the 1993 David Brinkley Award for Excellence in Communication. He was also publicly recognized with designations of Bryan Norcross Days in Miami, Miami Beach, and Ft. Lauderdale, among other cities. In addition, he's the recipient of an Emmy Award from the Suncoast Chapter of the National Association of Arts and Sciences, and the DuPont and Peabody awards, the highest awards given in broadcasting.

Bryan's comprehensive hurricane guide called "*Hurricane Almanac*" was released by St. Martin's Press in July 2006. The book covers hurricane science, history, preparedness and more. A follow-up edition was released in the Spring of 2007.

Bryan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Math and Physics and a Master of Science degree in Communications and Meteorology from Florida State University. In addition Bryan received an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Florida International University. A resident of Miami Beach and New York City, Bryan has lived in Florida most of his life.