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Norman conference to mark twisters' decade milestone

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A daylong conference that looks back on the May 3, 1999, tornadoes and the progress of severe weather preparedness since then is scheduled May 1 at the National Weather Center in Norman.

Experts and people affected by the tornado outbreak including emergency managers, first responders and city officials will speak at the "May 3 Tornado Outbreak 10th Anniversary Event." The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association is sponsoring the public event.

The conference will have sessions on "Science and Technology," "Emergency Preparedness and Recovery," "Community and Societal Impacts," and "Individual Impacts: The People Speak."

TV meteorologists Gary England, Rick Mitchell and Mike Morgan will be among the moderators. Speakers will discuss progress in weather warnings, community preparedness and recovery operations over the past 10 years.