## MetEd - Over 285,000 Users

Over 700 Hours Published MetEd Website Major Upgrade

Flash Flood
Hydrology and
QPE residence
course scored
second
consecutive 5.0
out of 5.0

Published NWP Course 2: Using and Adding Value to NWP in the Forecast Process Completed 2<sup>nd</sup>
edition of
Tropical Textbook
with new chapter
and full Spanish
translation

Produced two short, just-intime NWP Training Videos for model implementations (NAM-NMM, Rapid Refresh)

Published
Volcanic Ash:
Science, Impacts,
and Forecasting
Course (Aviation)

Converting the S290 "Intermediate Fire Behavior" course to distance learning saved Fire Agencies about \$20M over five years.

## **COMET® Changes**

- Dr. Tim Spangler (Director) retired January 31.
- Dr. Rich Jeffries is new Director as of 1 March 2013.
- COMET® funding model is 100% from government funding
  - 60% NOAA (NWS and NESDIS)
  - 40% Other (State Dept., MSC, Navy, EUMETSAT, WMO)
  - New Funding Model Private Sector, Donations, More International!
- NWS has funded all COMET® administration, budget, and IT costs since inception in 1990
  - Peaked at nearly \$2M/year in FY 2009 but dropping rapidly.
  - U.S. Congress mandated National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) report on the NWS released in April. NAPA report recommends NWS
     Training Program budget be restored to previous levels. New NWS Director supports recommendations.