lower than or equal to -0.5° C, then La Niña conditions are prevalent). And, finally, if the temperature variance is between $+0.5^{\circ}$ C and -0.5° C, then ENSO neutral phase is dominant (neither El Niño nor La Niña).

And, last, a full-fledged El Niño or La Niña is only officially designated if the sea surface temperature thresholds are exceeded for a period of at least five consecutive overlapping three-month seasons (roughly seven months). Hence, we may have El Niño or La Niña "conditions," but the history books may never reveal that an El Niño or La Niña episode ever took place. At the time this article was written, we were in ENSO neutral conditions, but El Niño conditions are expected to take hold in the summer and possibly persist long enough for an official El Niño event. Again, El Niño produces atmospheric conditions that suppress the formation of tropical cyclones in the Atlantic and is the main cause for the "below average" prediction for 2014.

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Fire & EMS

Personnel participated in 349 training hours during May.

There was 1 fire, 11 rescue and emergency medical services calls, 2 hazardous conditions (no fire), 2 service calls and 10 false alarms or false calls.

Police

In May, officers participated in 48 training hours in schools and classes. There were 14 arrests, 31 incidents either generated from citizen calls or officer observations, 21 incidents followed up and 24 investigations closed or cleared, 30 state citations issued for moving or non-moving violations, 46 written warnings and 29 verbal warnings issued. In addition, there were 69 business checks and 91 residential checks.

REMINDER: Lock your doors and report suspicious people or vehicles to the police.

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