

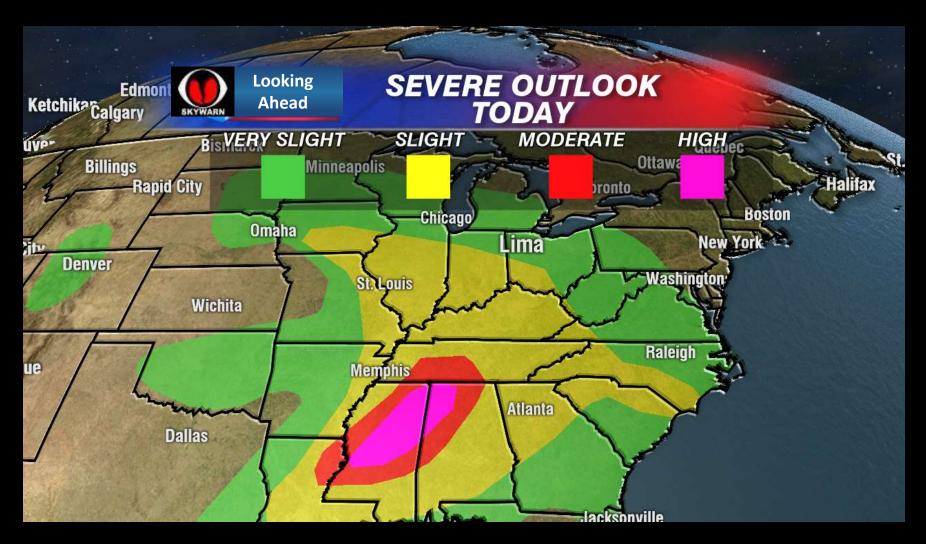
# District III



Rhea, Meigs, McMinn, Monroe, Bradley, Polk Counties



# Forewarned is Forearmed



Knowledge in advance enables one to be prepared

# Be Ready



Don't let severe weather surprise you: Stay Informed

- Know where to get hazardous weather outlooks
- Frequently check weather forecasts for possible hazardous weather conditions
- Use a weather alert monitor (weather alert radios, cell-phone apps, etc.)

### Develop a severe weather: **Personal Action Plan**



- Make a plan to keep yourself and family safe during hazardous weather
- Decide on the role you want to play during severe weather events
- Ensure you have a means of staying informed of changing weather conditions
- Have a "Go-Bag" with all necessary radio, food, water and rain suit ready

Keep critical knowledge & operation skills sharp: Practice

- Review reportable criteria & frequently view severe weather pictures
- Frequently review the responsibilities of the role you have chosen to play
- Regularly participate in training and practice events





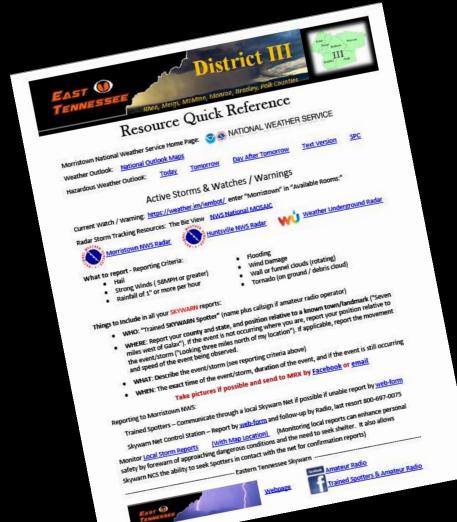


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# Monitoring Severe Weather Risks



# Keeping Ahead of the Weather





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Today Tomorrow Day After Tomorrow

Text Version

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Local forecast by "City, 8t" or ZIP code Enter location.

**News Headlines** 

Spotter Training Class Schedule

Location Help

MY FORECAST Knoxville TN



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Tonight



Clear Low: 53°F



Sunny High: 81°F

change location

#### **NWS Morristown**

Weather.gov > Morristown, TN

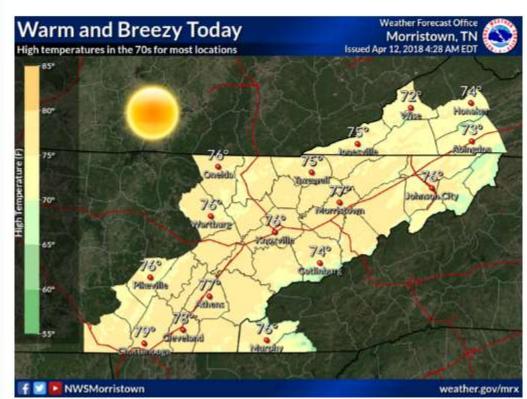
Morristown, TN Weather Forecast Office

Current Hazards Current Conditions Radar Forecasts Rivers and Lakes Climate and Past Weather Local Programs

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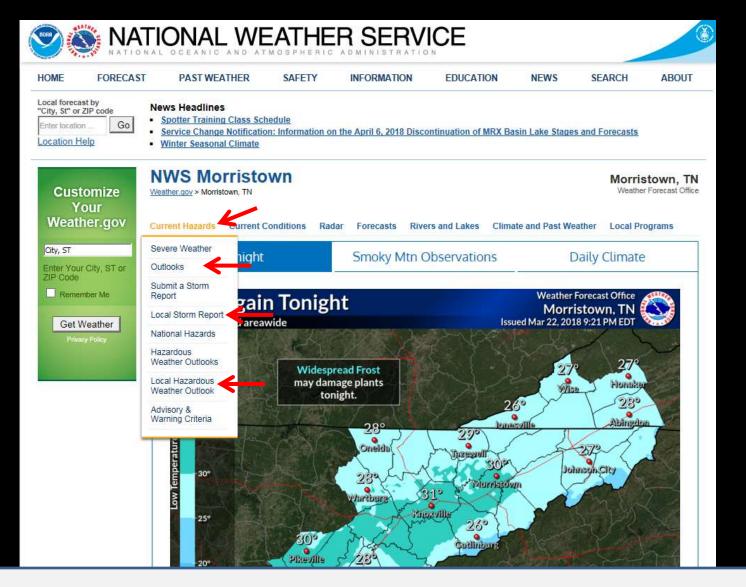
Smoky Mtn Observations

Daily Climate



It will be mostly sunny and warm today with breezy winds at times. High temperatures should be in the 70s for most locations.

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When severe weather threatens you need reliable information to assist you as a trained Skywarn Spotter. While in your training, you were shown many of these resources which can be accessed through the Morristown National Weather Service field office website <a href="https://www.weather.gov/mrx/">https://www.weather.gov/mrx/</a>, each of these resources and others have been captured in the "Quick Reference" for easier use.



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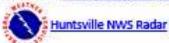


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#### Severe Weather



Mesoscale Discussion



Day 2



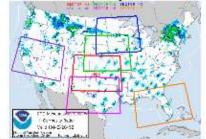
**SPC Activity Chart** 



Showing a 1 hour radar loop, the current Day 1 convective outlook, and all active watches.

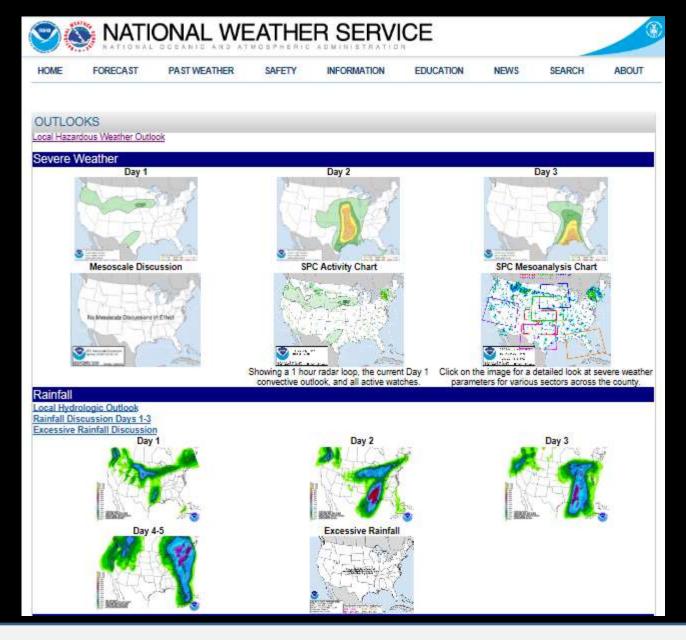


SPC Mesoanalysis Chart

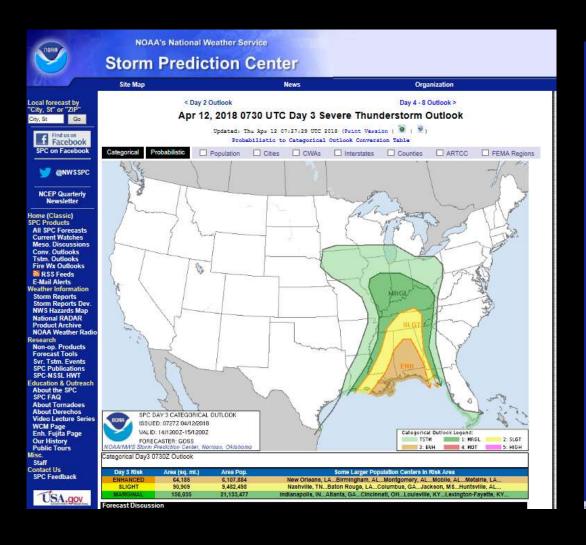


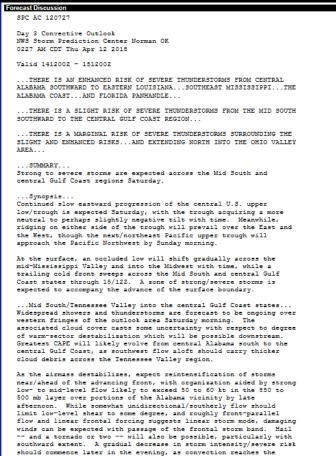
Click on the image for a detailed look at severe weather parameters for various sectors across the county.

We're most interested in the convective outlook at the top of the page. This gives a National view of hazardous weather risks for the next three days. A text version of our local area risk can be seen by clicking on the "Local Hazardous Weather Outlook" link near the top of the page.



Below the Convective forecasts on this page is a visual representation of the rainfall amounts which can be expected with each storm. This could be valuable information to anticipate possible flooding.





southern Appalachians and Florida Panhandle.

While the previous link presented the National Weather Services' summary of the hazardous weather forecasts, the next three links take you to the Storm Prediction Center's detailed pages for each day. There is a larger visual depiction of the day's forecast at the top with a more detailed text description of the anticipated hazardous weather directly underneath.

### **Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories**

THUNDERSTORMS (no label)	1 - MARGINAL (MRGL)	2 - SLIGHT (SLGT)	3 - ENHANCED (ENH)	4 - MODERATE (MDT)	5 - HIGH (HIGH)
No severe* thunderstorms expected	Isolated severe thunderstorms possible	Scattered severe storms possible	Numerous severe storms possible	Widespread severe storms likely	Widespread severe storms expected
Lightning/flooding threats exist with all thunderstorms	Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity	Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms possible	More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense	Long-lived, widespread and intense	Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense
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Winds to 40 mph     Small hail	• Winds 40-60 mph • Hail up to 1" • Low tomado risk	One or two tornadoes     Reports of strong winds/wind damage     Hail ~1", isolated 2"	A few tornadoes     Several reports of wind damage     Damaging hail, 1 - 2"	Strong tornadoes Widespread wind damage Destructive hall, 2" +	Tornado outbreak     Derecho

<sup>\*</sup> NWS defines a severe thunderstorm as measured wind gusts to at least 58 mph, and/or hail to at least one inch in diameter, and/or a tornado. All thunderstorm categories imply lightning and the potential for flooding. Categories are also tied to the probability of a severe weather event within 25 miles of your location.

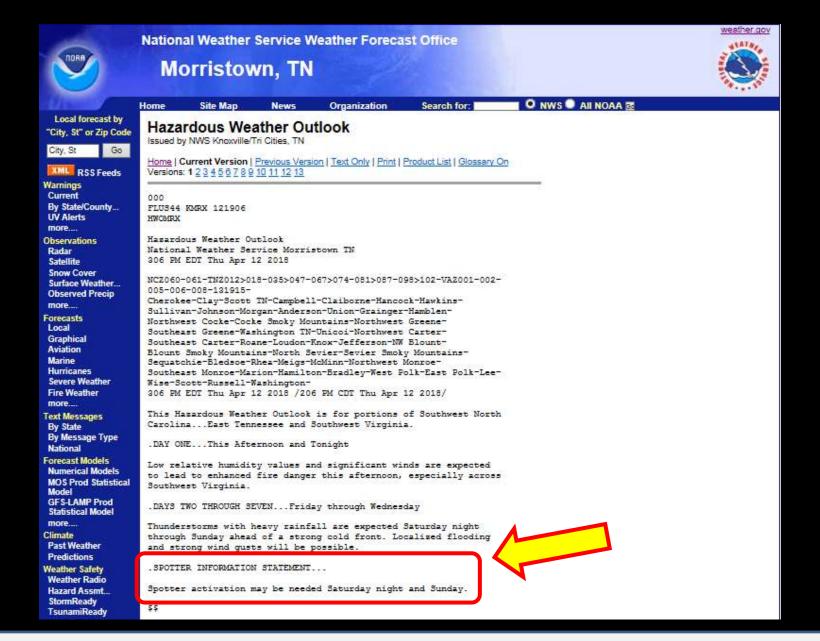


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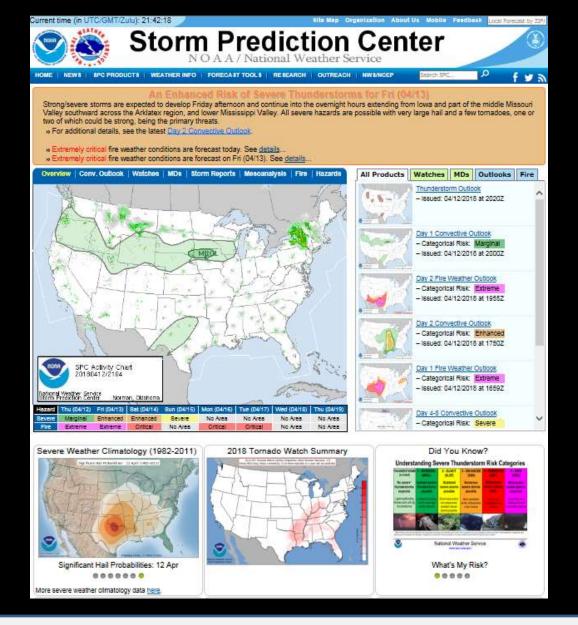
www.spc.noaa.gov



To understand what the different colors on the maps mean you can refer to this chart (located on the left side of the page under the map. Understanding not only the probability but also the potential severity depicted on the maps is important to preparing for your role as a Skywarn Spotter.



Clicking the next link, "Text", will take you to a text description of our local area hazardous weather forecast. Of particular Note is the "Spotter Information Statement" at the bottom of the statement.



The last link, "SPC" will take you to the Storm Prediction Center and a "Big Picture" view of hazardous weather potentials. The colors on the map are indications of the probable severity of the weather in the shaded area. (Note color chart bottom right)





#### Storm Prediction Center

Site Map

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#### Local forecast by "City, St" or "ZIP







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#### Forecast Products

#### **Current Weather Watches**

This is the current graphic showing any severe thunderstorm and tornado watches which are in effect over the contiguous United States. Please read about the the purpose of our watches for further information. Details on all valid watches may be found on our Current Convective Watches page.



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#### Convective Outlooks

This is today's forecast for organized severe thunderstorms over the contiguous United States. Please read the description of the risk categories for further information. You may find the latest Day 1 Outlook available as well as all Outlooks issued today online.

Today's Outlook



Tomorrow's Outlook

This is tomorrow's forecast for organized severe thunderstorms over the contiguous United States. Please read the description of the risk categories for further information. The latest Day 2 Outlook is available as well as all Outlooks that have been issued



Day 3 Outlook

This is the day after tomorrow's (day 3) forecast for organized severe thunderstorms over the contiguous United States. Please read the description of the risk categories for further information. The latest Day 3 Outlook is available as well as all Outlooks that have been issued today.



Day 4-8 Outlook

This is the day 4-8 forecast for organized severe thunderstorms over the contiguous United States. The latest Day 4-8 Outlook is available as well as all Outlooks that have been issued today Note: A severe weather area depicted in the Day 4-8 period



Clicking on the large map will take you to a page that gives further detail to the various storm prediction information. Note that the first map shows current watches throughout the U.S. The second map provides information on "Mesoscale map" (Mesoscale meteorology is the study of weather systems smaller than synoptic scale systems). These are localized weather systems which influence conditions like thunderstorms, etc. And finally, the 8 day convective and thunderstorm outlook maps are provided incrementally by day.







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### When Severe Weather Strikes



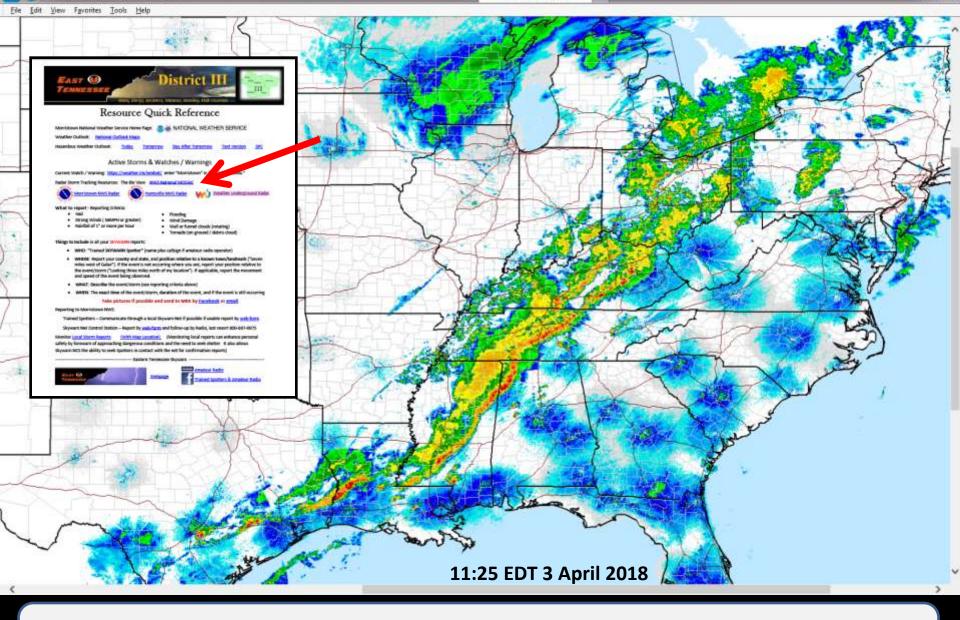
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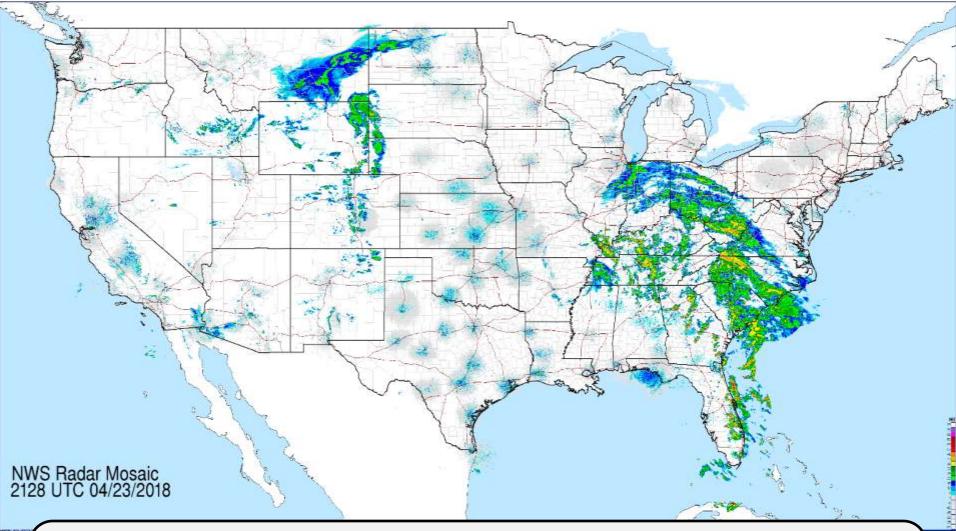
### No Matter How You Are Alerted to Severe Weather

Whether you see it on a TV weather show, hear a Warning on a weather radio, are alerted of a Warning on your cell-phone, or have been following it through the NWS forecasts, you will want to track severe weather storms as they approach your area. The method you use until your area is affected is a matter of personal choice (TV, radio, phone-app, etc.), but you should stay vigilant.

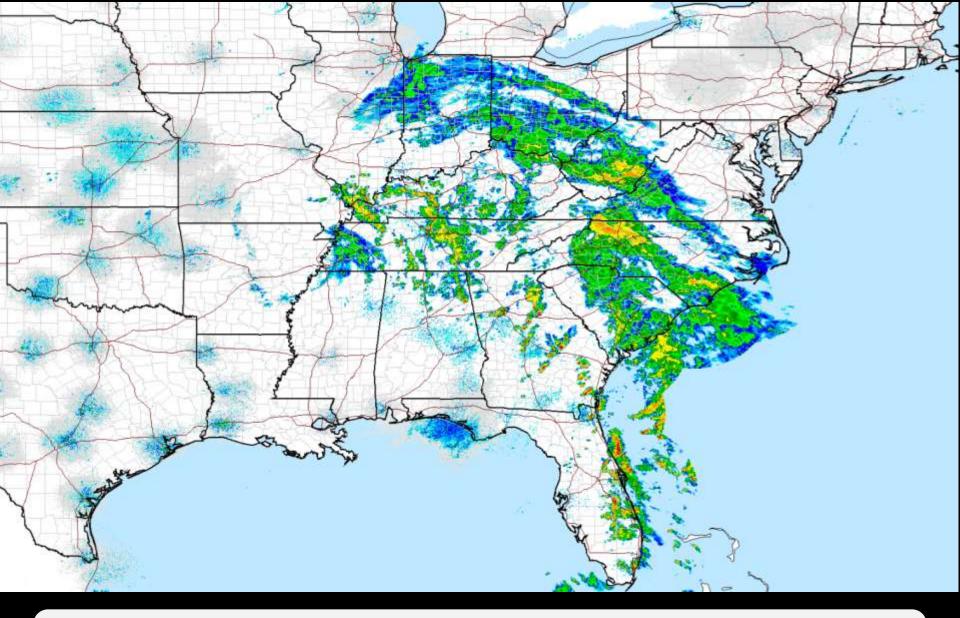


My personal preference is National Weather Service's National Mosaic Doppler weather radar (in loop mode) <a href="NWS National MOSAIC">NWS National MOSAIC</a> (National Map





THE BIG PICTURE - Storms are generally related to weather systems. It is often useful to get a "big picture" view of how the systems are related to the country's geography. This Doppler Radar mosaic can be viewed as either a still shot or looped motion. Using the looped mode illustrates storm movement and other important details.



You can zoom into the radar image for greater detail or even click on a map location and it will take you to the radar covering that area of the country for a full radar analysis of the weather you are interested in.

# When Severe Weather Gets Close





### As Severe Weather Threatens Your Area

It's time to start considering activating a Severe Weather Net or contemplate your Spotter activities. The need to closely monitor conditions becomes critical. Remember, your area does not have to be under a Warning (or even a Watch) to activate a net or begin your Spotter observations. If you feel the weather is at or approaching severe levels, start your activities.



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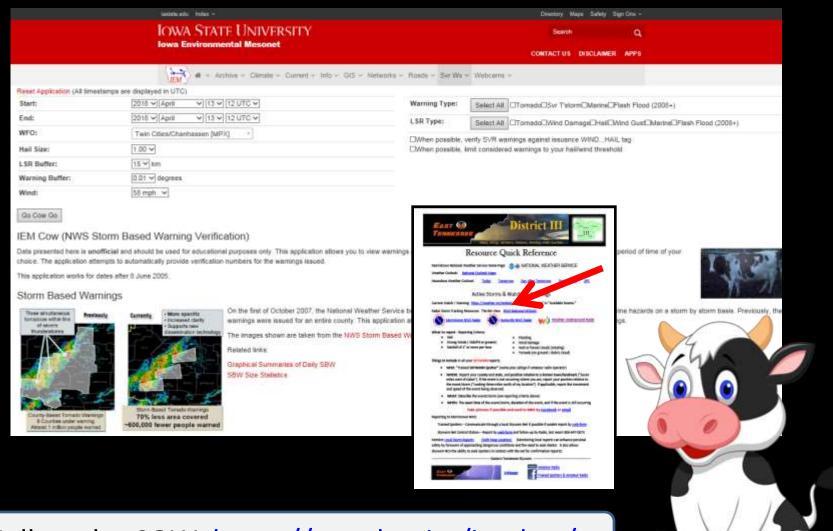
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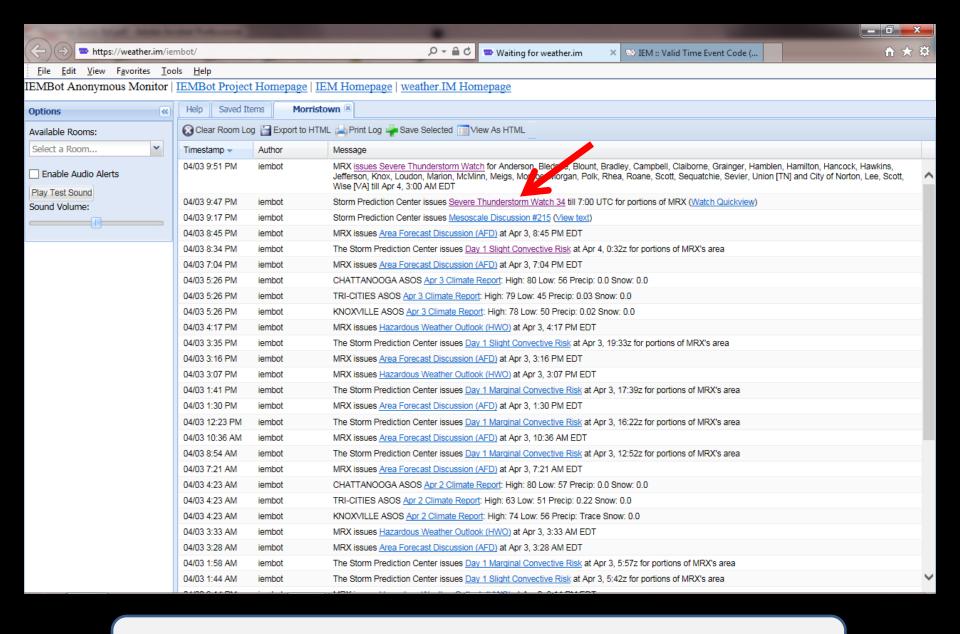




# Keeping Up On Watches & Warnings

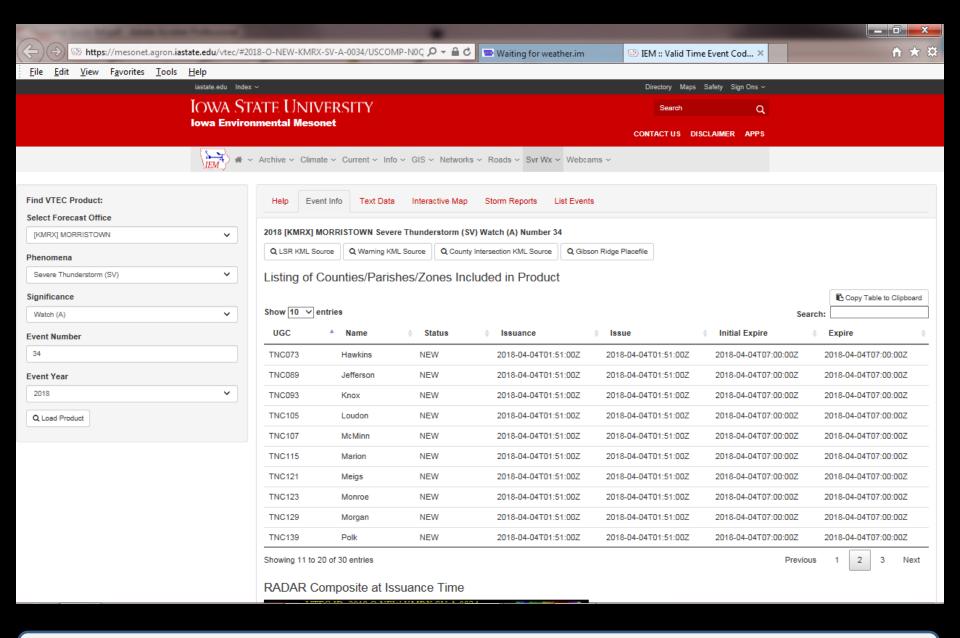


Follow the COW <a href="https://weather.im/iembot/">https://weather.im/iembot/</a>

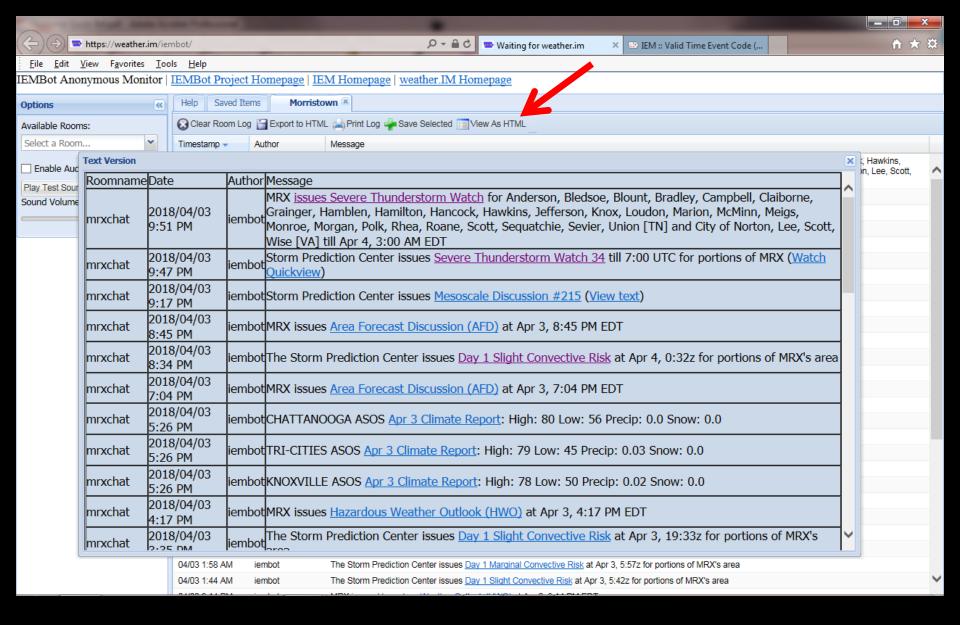


This tool presents Watches, Warnings, Convective Discussions, and Local Reports in:

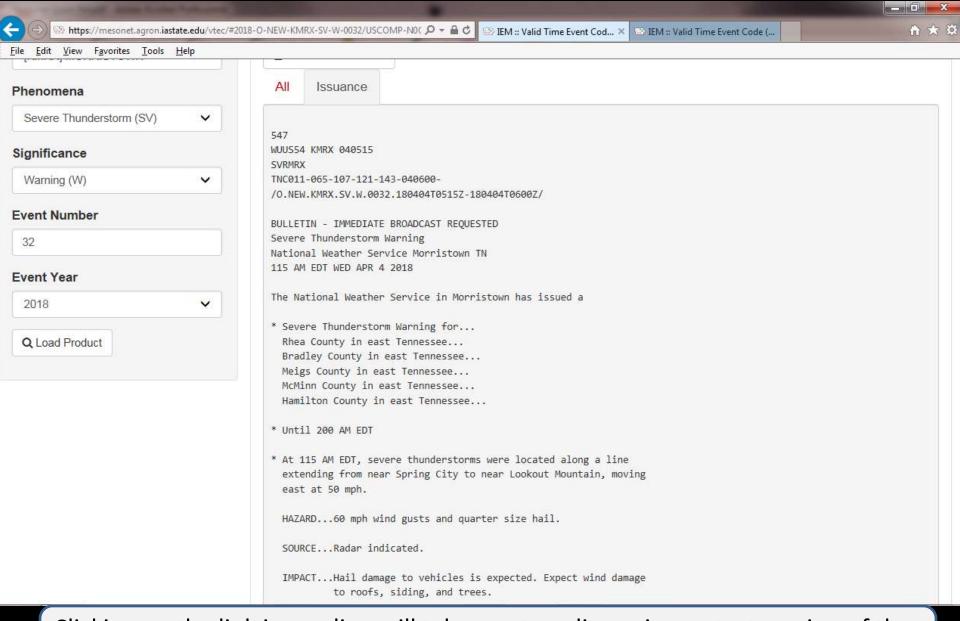




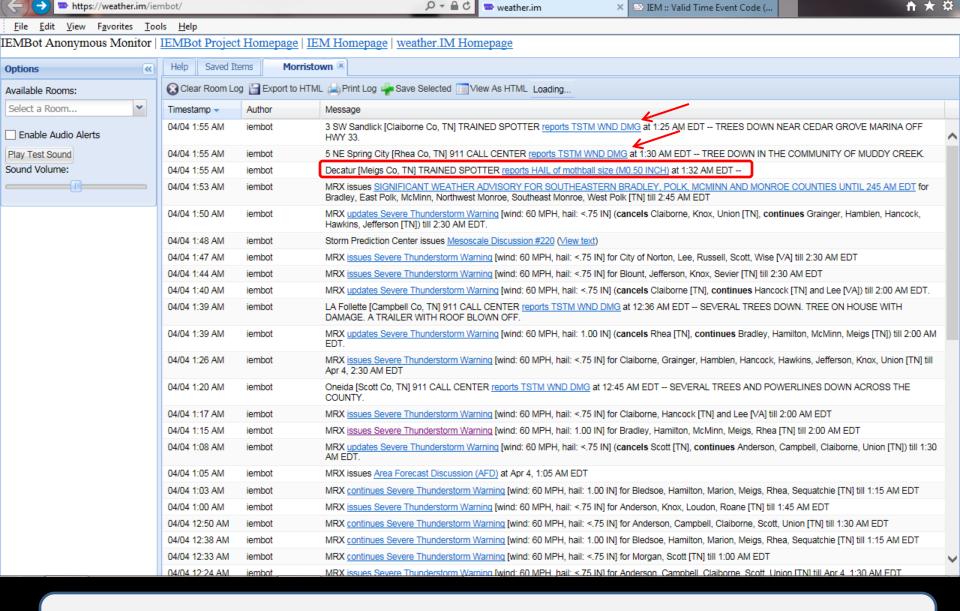
Clicking on the hyperlink in the COW list takes you to an in-depth description of the event.



The COW list may also be viewed in HTML by clicking on the tab at the top of the page.

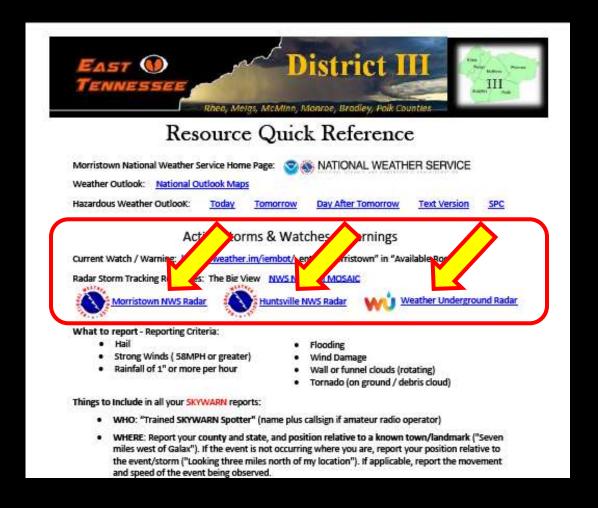


Clicking on the link in any line will take you to a discussion or text version of the alert. There is often a great deal of useful information on those pages.



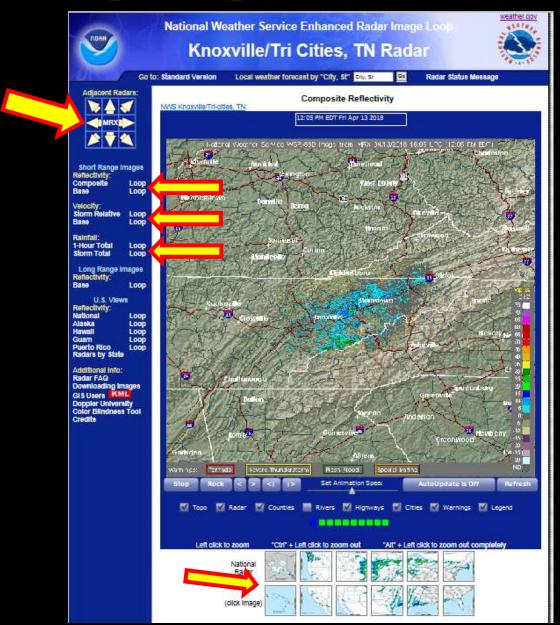
Spotter and observer reports also show up on the real-time list. Note the hail report from Meigs county...that came from our Skywarn net the night of 4/4/18

## **Maintaining Situational Awareness**

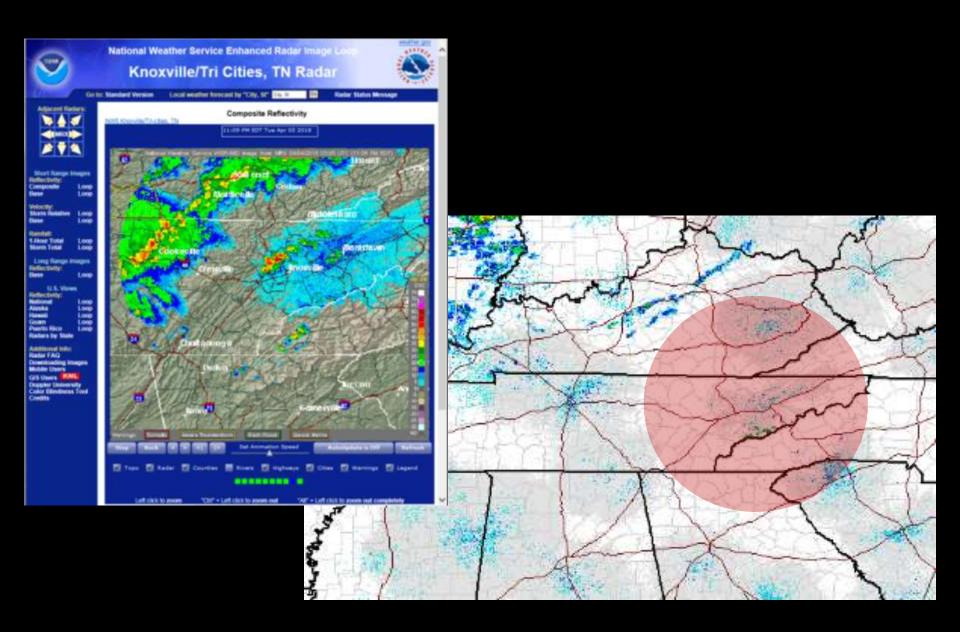


Keeping track of storm movement, development, and structure is **IMPERATIVE** to an effective Severe Weather Net and Spotter observations.

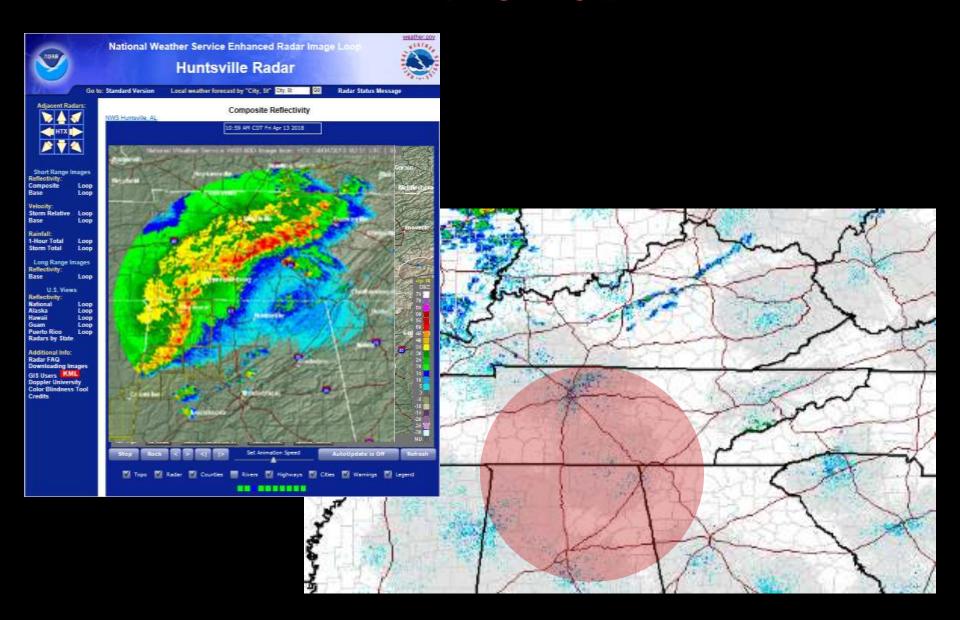
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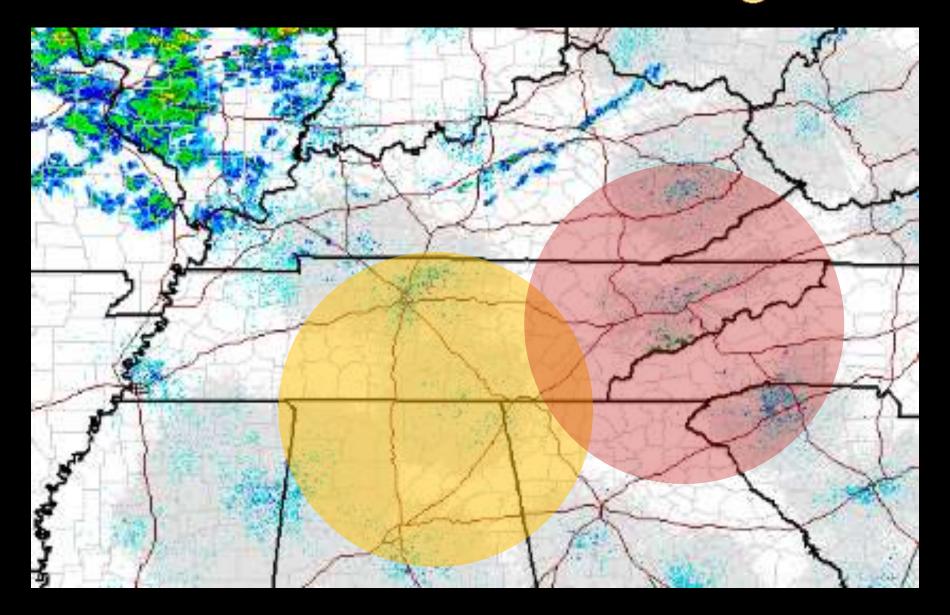
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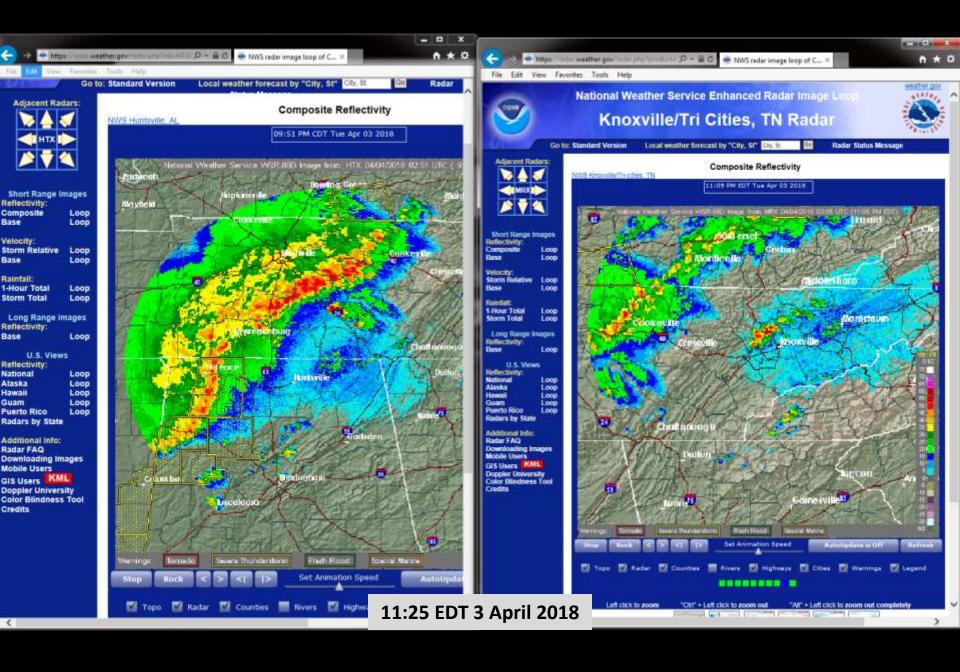


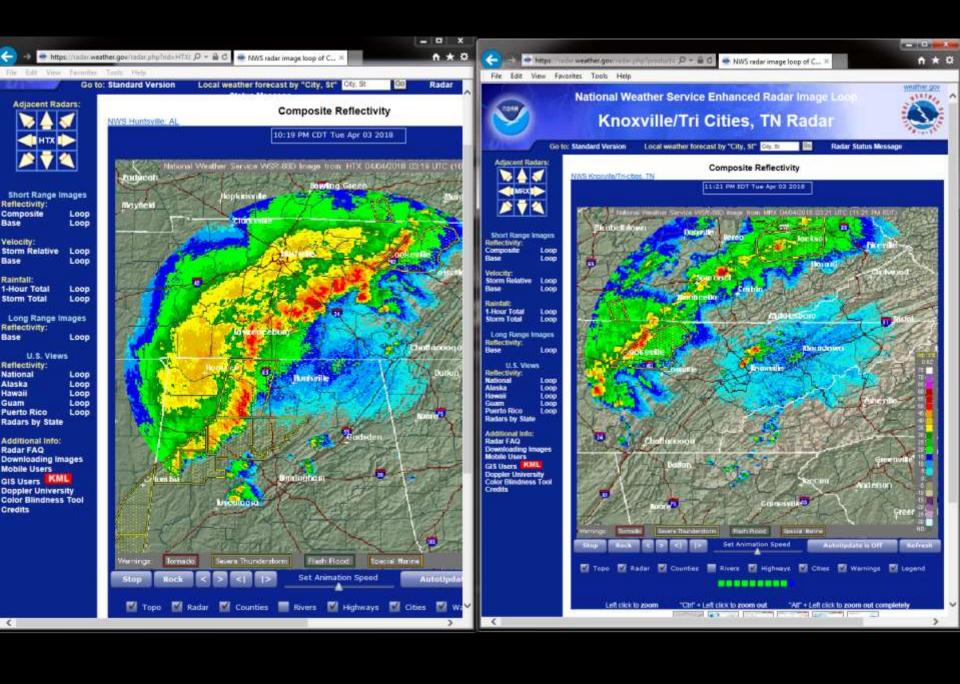
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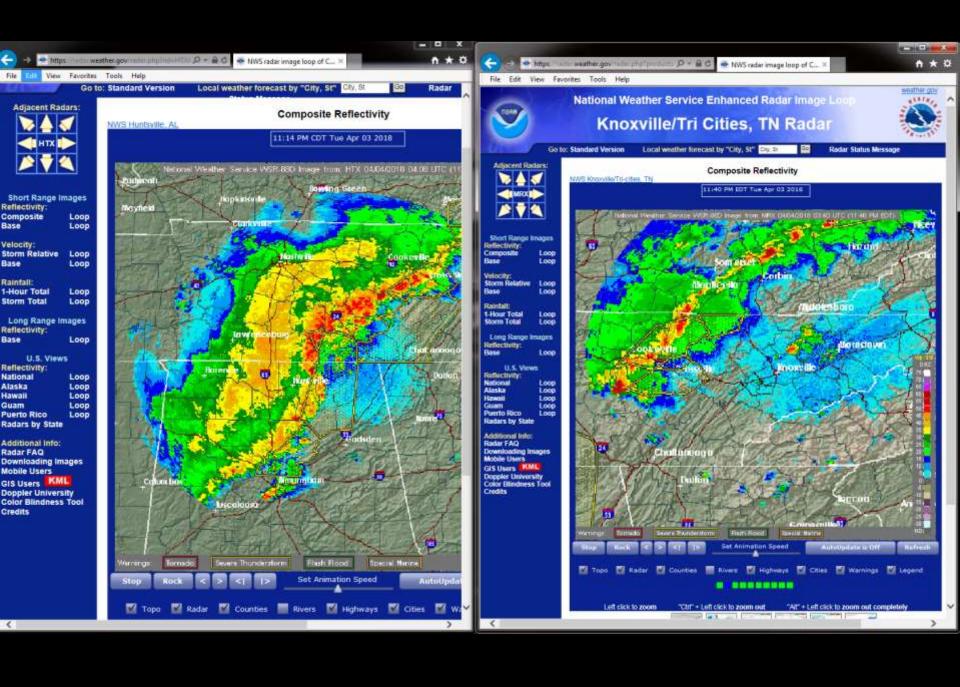


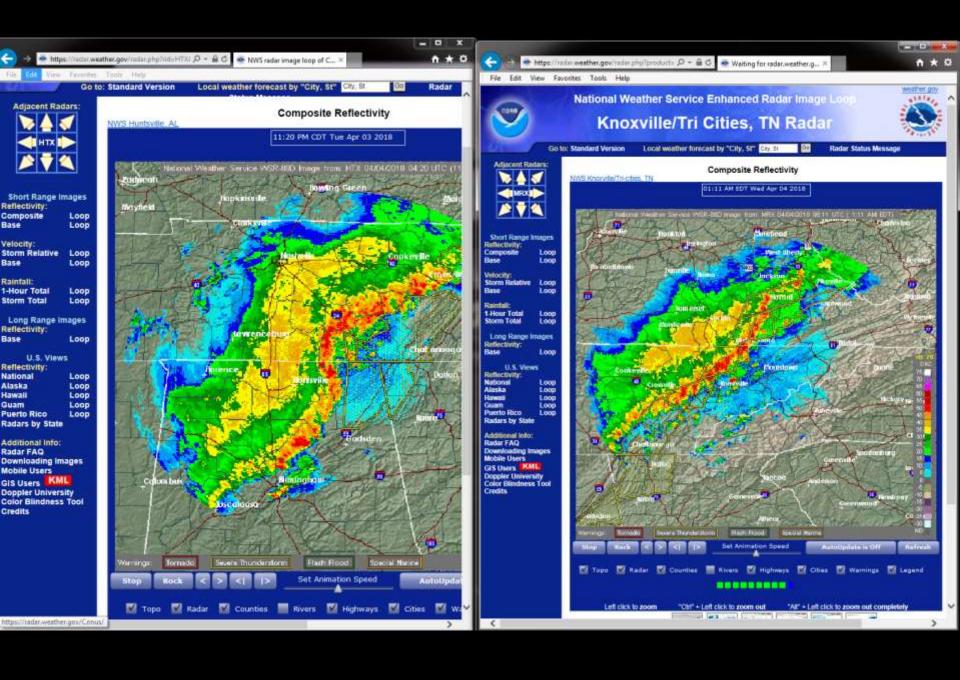
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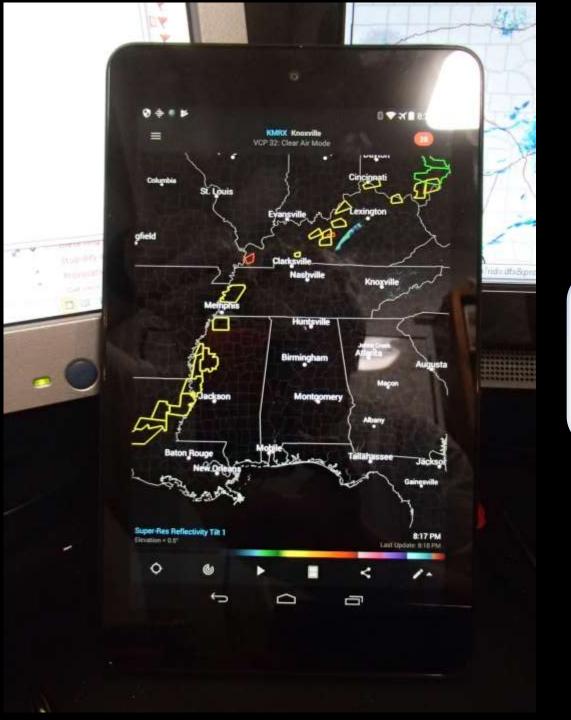






**Setting Up Your Station** 





A shot of the screen of my tablet running the RadarScope during the approach of a recent storm which shows warning boxes



A shot of the screen of the RadarScope App at the time of the warning in McMinn

## Reportable Storm Observations



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## **Be On The Lookout**

## WHAT to report:

- Who Train
- Where SS It address or location
- Playor landmark
- **What** Reportable event
- When Began / Ended / On-going

## **Report observing:**

- Hail (any size)
- Strong Winds (> 58 MPH)
- Damage related to the storm
- Rainfall in excess of 1" per hr.
- Flooding
- Wall clouds (with rotation)
- Funnel clouds / Tornados

## Reporting Procedures



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## **HOW to Report**

### **Spotters:**

- Contact a Severe Weather Net
- Use the Web-Form
- If unable by other means, 800-697-0075 phone

### **Net Control Operators:**

- Receive a Spotter report
- Does it meet reporting criteria?
- Report by web-form
- Follow-up report by radio
- If unable by other means, phone 800-697-0075
- Enter in Net Log

## Web-Based Reporting Form

Storm Report
This interface is intended to be used solely for the relay of storm information to the NWS. Other comments or information should be sent to the National Weather Service Morristown, Tennesses
Event Location
Enter date/time/location of event. Please reference to major roadway or intersection for events within towns/cities.
Time Zone
☐ Eastern
☐ Central
County
Choose County from drop menu
Location (example 7NW Mytown or Street Address)
Date & Time
Month
Event Type (Select all that apply)
Click box next to events you observed. Next, select appropriate sub-descriptor in pull down menu to describe event.
Flood
~
Hail
<b>▽</b>
High Wind Speed
<u> </u>
Tornado / Funnel Cloud
<u> </u>
Wind Damage
<u> </u>

- Interactive, easy to use
- Drop-down menus
- Immediately seen by NWS

## **Don't Forget:**

In the "Additional Details" box, be sure to put "**Trained Spotter**" to add credibility to the report.

## **Monitor What Others Are Reporting**



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## What others are reporting:

- These links are for local reports
- Can give you an idea of what to expect (hazard, intensity, safety)
- Interactive map shows location of the event
- Can validate what you are seeing

## You are a Part of a Bigger Community



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- WHERE: Report your county and state, and position relative to a known town/landmark ("Seven miles west of Galax"). If the event is not occurring where you are, report your position relative to the event/storm ("Looking three miles north of my location"), if applicable, report the movement and speed of the event being observed.
- WHAT: Describe the event/storm (see reporting criteria above)
- WHEN: The exact time of the event/storm, duration of the event, and if the event is still occurring

Take pictures if possible and send to MRX by Facebook or email

#### Reporting to Morristown NWS:

Monitor Local Storm Reports

Trained Spotters - Communicate through a local Skywarn Net if possib

nable report by web-form dio, last resort 800-697-0075

Skywarn Net Control Station - Report by web-form and follow-up

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Eastern Tennessee Skywarn

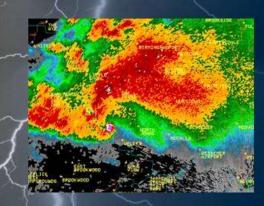
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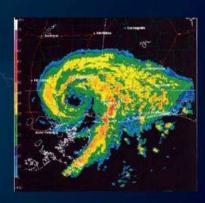


## Much, Much More

# Tornado-Producing Thunderstorm Types



Supercell Thunderstorms



Tropical Rain Band Thunderstorms

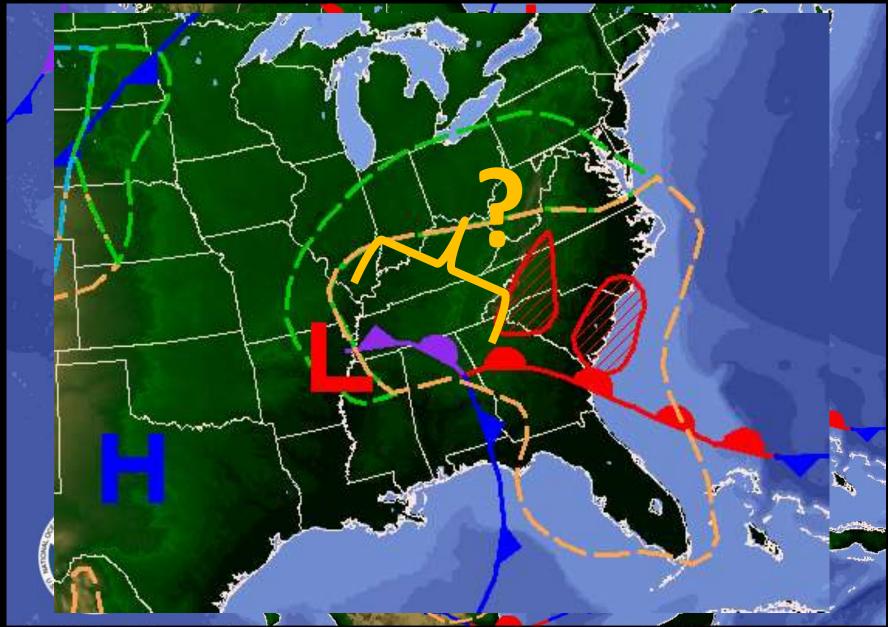


All Other Non-Supercell Thunderstorms



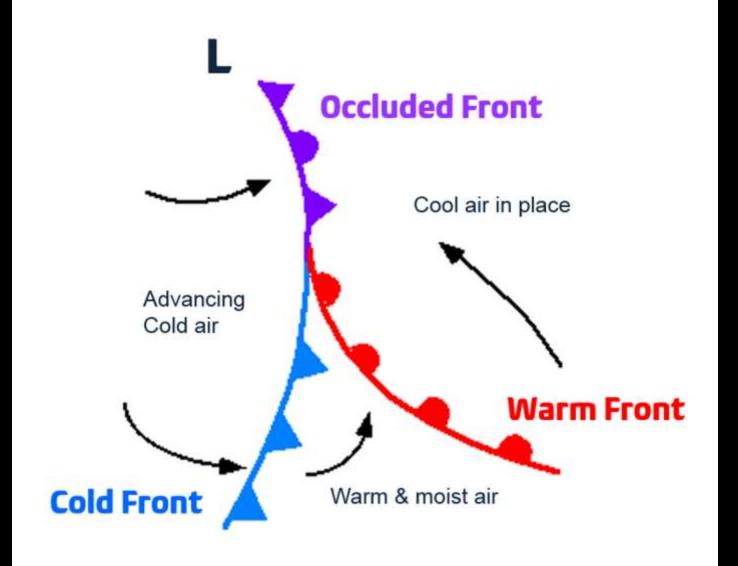
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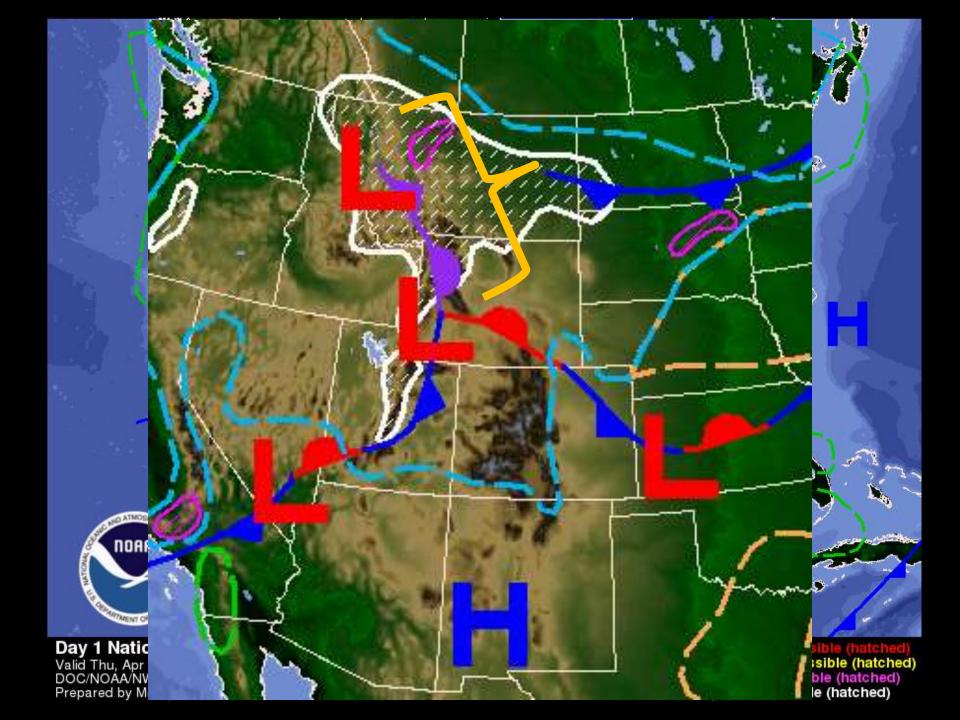


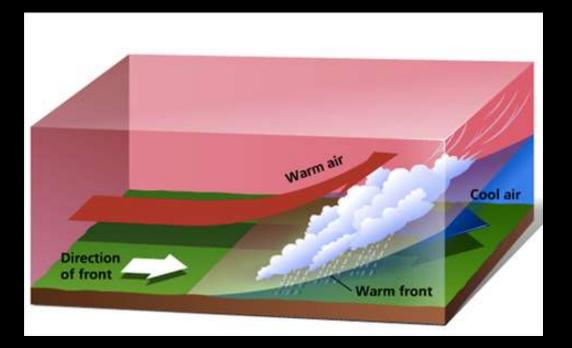


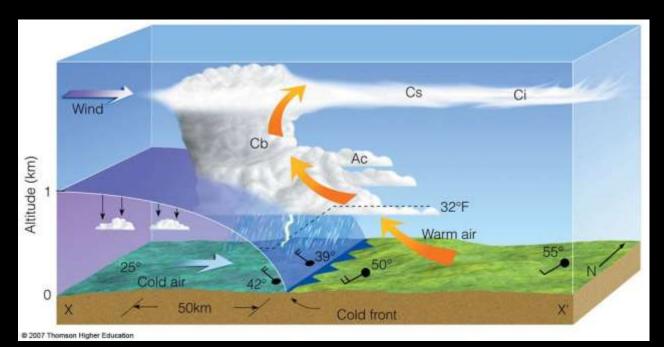
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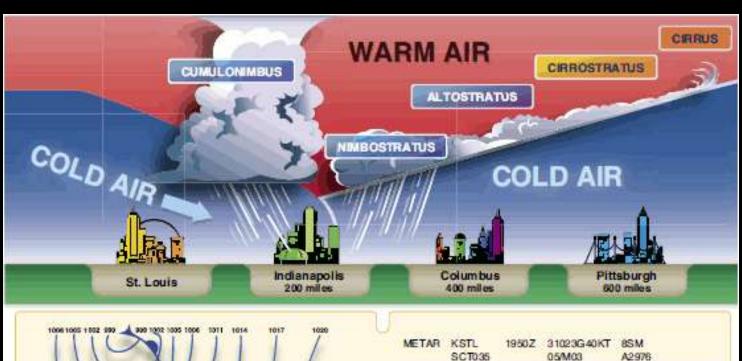
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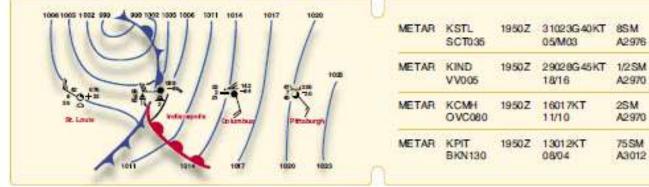
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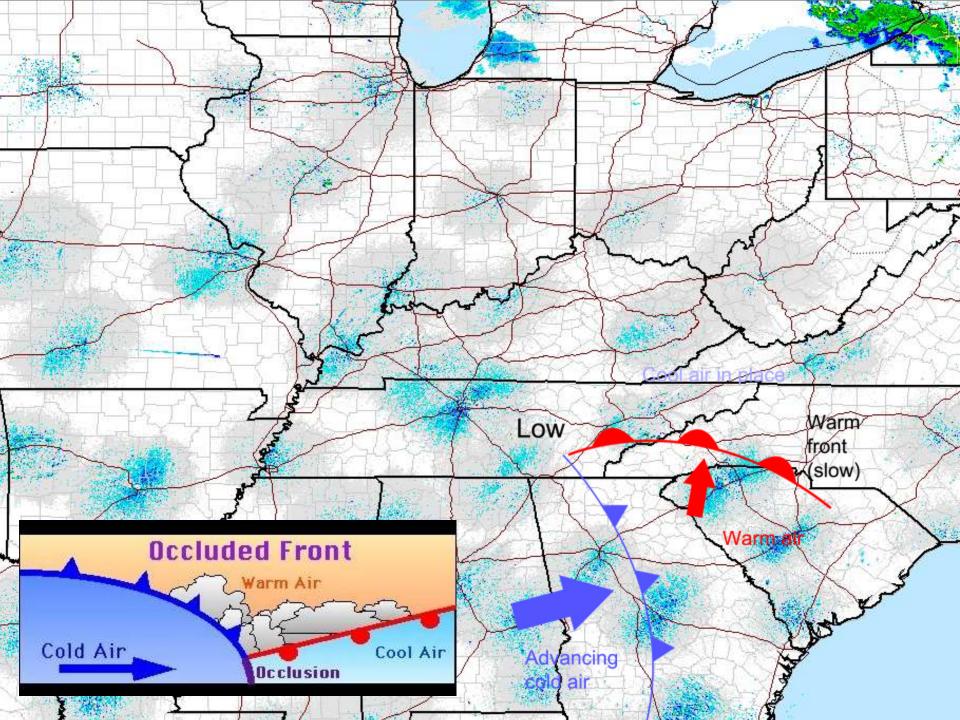
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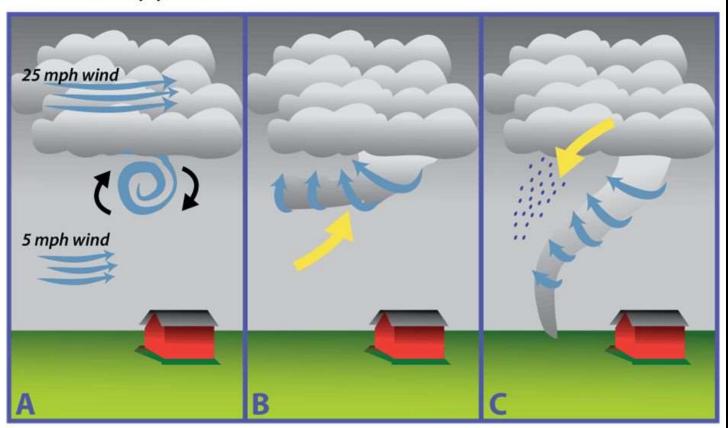
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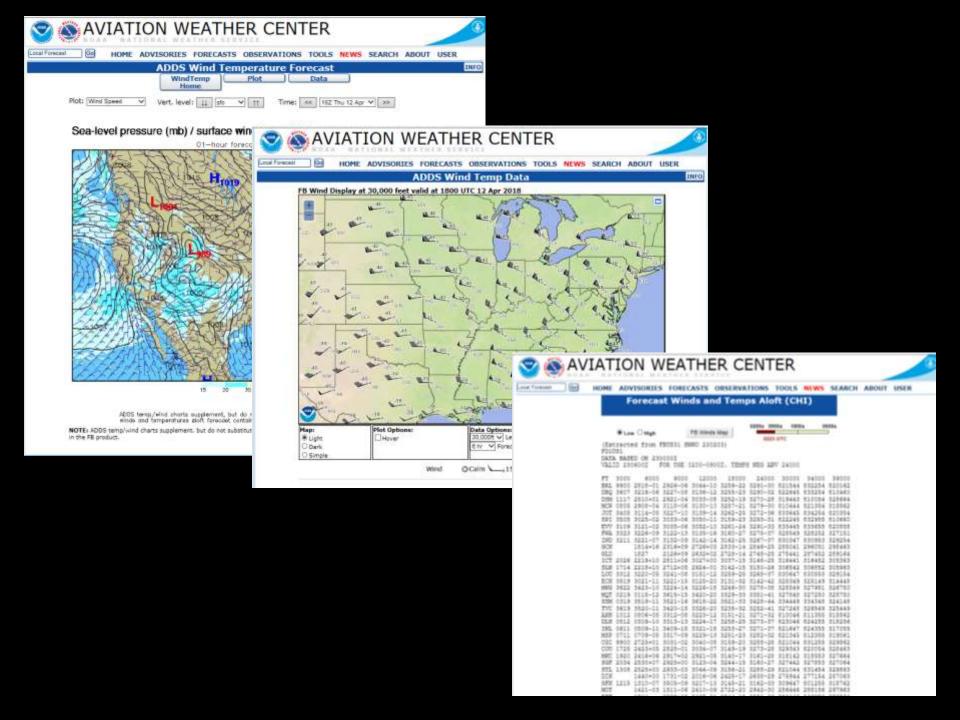


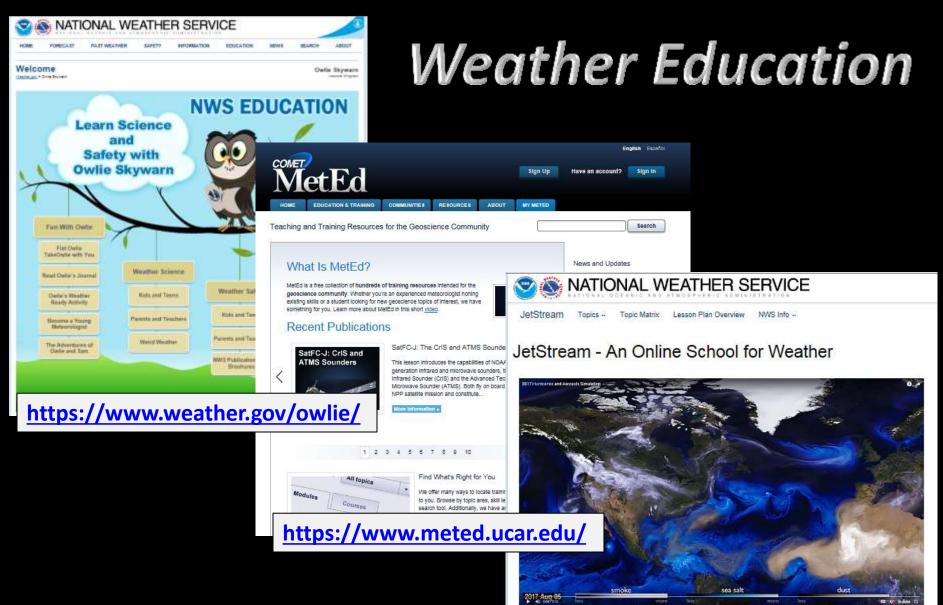


## **Tornados Need Wind Shear**

 A strong updraft tilts the wind shear and produces rotation inside the tornado. A funnel cloud appears.







## Want to learn More?

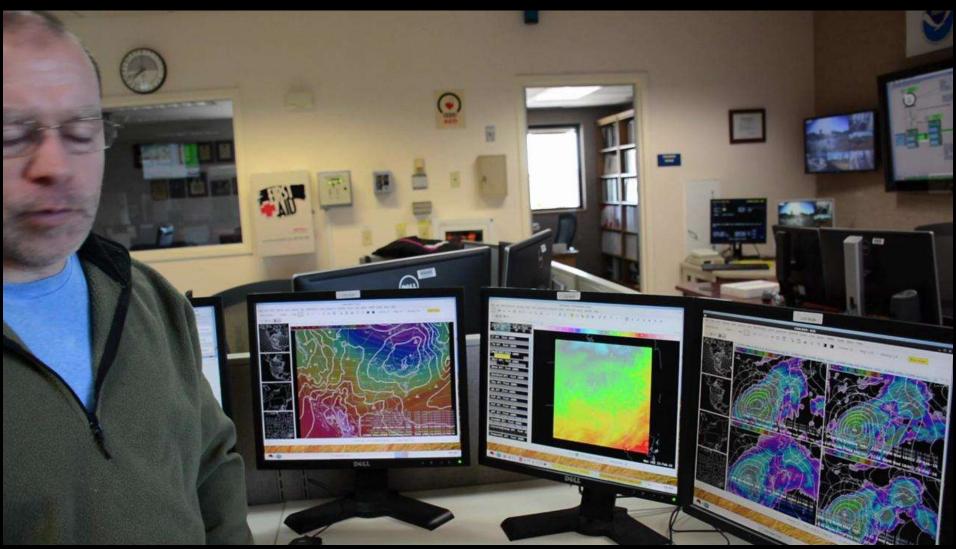
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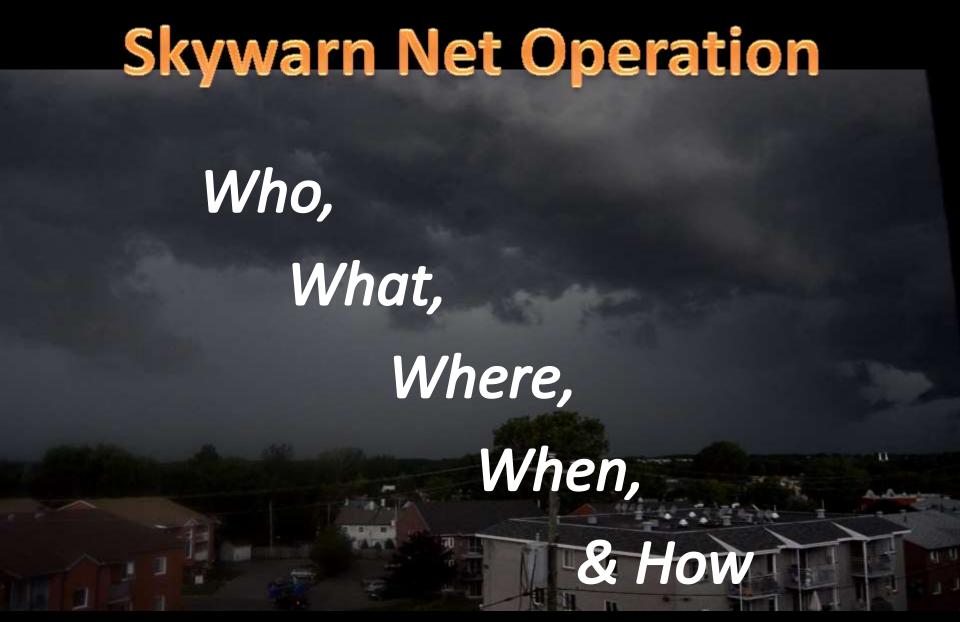
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https://www.weather.gov/jetstream/



# Severe Weather Net Procedures & Protocols













## **Effective Severe Weather Nets Have Two Critical Components:**

## **Net Control Operators:**

- Experienced HAM radio communicators
- Proficient in Skywarn Net operating procedures and protocols
- Trained in weather observation and conversant with reporting criteria
- Capable of multitasking

## **Trained Skywarn Observers:**

- Proficient HAM radio communicators with appropriate radio equipment
- Trained in weather observation and conversant with reporting criteria
- Familiar with Skywarn Net operating discipline, procedures and protocols
- Capable of safely observing, evaluating, and reporting hazardous weather



# What



## **Improve Information on Dangerous Weather Conditions:**

## **Enhance Human Safety:**

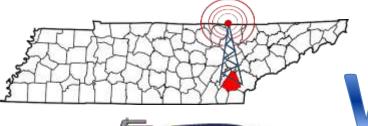
- Yours and your family's
- Your neighbors and community

## **Provide Improved Weather Warnings:**

- To identify or verify weather dangers threatening your area
- Provide real-time information on intensity, type of danger, and storm movement

## **Contributes Accuracy and Clarity to NWS Data:**

- Validates NWS forecasts, observation and radar data
- Contributes to greater weather phenomena formation and prediction science
- Adds important data to weather history archival data



## Where





## **Area of Responsibility:**

- Skywarn Nets are conducted for specific area locations (ours is McMinn County)
- Don't duplicate reports through other area location Nets (exception NCS to NWS)
- Understand protocols for any area shared resources (i.e., linked repeater)

## **Your Activity Location:**

- Spotters Wherever you are: home, work, mobile, outdoors with a radio
- Net Control At an appropriately equipped station with solid communication (VHF/UHF radio, computer w/Internet, phone, aux-power preferably, etc.)

## The Skywarn Net Location:

- Primary Frequency KG4FZR Athens 147.060 + pl 141
- Alternate Frequency Starr Mountain 441.800 + pl 141
- No-Repeater Back-up Simplex 147.060



# When



### **Pre-Net Activation:**

- DO NOT activate a "stand-by net." (consider our shared resource)
- Repeaters continue to be in "Normal Use."
- Operators may discuss weather related topics but relinquish to emergency traffic

### Activation Threshold: - DISCUSSION -

- NWS issues a WARNING for your area
- A Skywarn NCS feels that weather conditions warrant activation of a Net

(No NWS issued Watch or Warning is required before activation)

## **Skywarn Net Activation:**

- Who can activate a Net? Any Skywarn trained HAM who is willing to accept the responsibilities of running the net may activate a Severe Weather Net.
- The Net must be conducted according to the MCARC Guidelines
- The Primary NCS is the only operator who can close the net.



## **MCARC Skywarn NCS Guidelines:**



MCARC Skywarn Net Control Operator Guidelines



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- \* hail (any size) \* 58MPH or greater winds/damage \* Rainfall of 1" or more per hour \* Wall or funnel clouds (rotating) \* Tornado (on ground with debris cloud) \* Flooding
- 5) Take check-ins and severe weather Spotter reports. (you are encouraged to make a log of the net)
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     Last resort by telephone (800-697-0075). (Your AltNCS can also be assigned to do this if needed.)
     NOTE: NEVER give out the 800 to MRX over the air! That number is for Skywam spotters only.
- 9) After contacting NWS, relay the severe report via phone to local EMA or dispatch center (possibly on a non-911 number) to report the most severe reports (tornadoes, funnel clouds, floods, damage such as roofs, trees in road, etc). NOTE: Check with your local authorities to see if they want this done before doing it!
- 10) When the existing warning has expired, make a decision whether to remain in open status, depending on other weather happening around your area. If you feel the severe weather has lessened to watch levels, close the net. If conditions remain severe and/or the potential that another warning may be issued in a few minutes, you might want to keep the net open.
- 11) Always thank everyone participating when closing the net, and acknowledge scanner listeners.

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### **Review of the MCARC NCS Guidelines**

(Refer to your Guidelines Sheet)

### What should be communicated?

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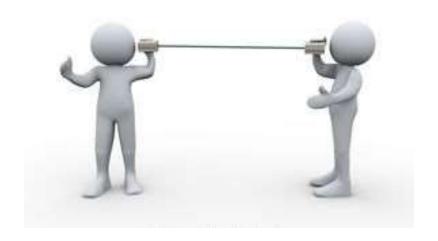
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# **Any Questions?**



# Ready to give it a try?



**Mock Skywarn Net Exercise**