

## MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Metro Skywarn is an organization of Amateur Radio Operators and Severe Weather enthusiasts with interests in the areas of severe weather spotting and Amateur Radio communications as a public service. This organization will operate in the Metro Area of the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota and surrounding Counties in the state of Minnesota.

Our mission is to:

1. Provide a training and education program for severe weather spotters,
2. Do scientific, technical evaluation and investigation of severe weather spotting techniques and methods of providing this information to the National Weather Service,
3. Develop, operate and maintain Amateur Radio communication networks to accomplish the task of relaying weather spotting reports to the National Weather Service.

To accomplish this mission Metro Skywarn will:

1. Recruit Amateur Radio Operators who have a sincere interest in Severe Weather spotting and in emergency and public service communications and who have a willingness to participate in severe weather spotting.
2. Conduct classes and distribute educational material to severe weather spotters to ensure quality reports to the National Weather Service.
3. Coordinate service among various Amateur Radio, Government, Emergency Management organizations and the National Weather Service to set standards for Amateur radio-based communications nets, equipment, procedures, and facilitate such activities.
4. Maintain interest, communicate, and educate spotters through newsletters, email, worldwide web and any other appropriate means.
5. Hold an annual meeting of the membership of the organization with the purpose of informing members of Metro Skywarn's operations and accomplishments each year and solicit input into the strategic plan.