



# Metro Skywarn Mission and Objectives

## **Mission Statement**

Metro Skywarn is a non-profit (501(c)(3)) 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 metropolitan area of St. Paul, Minneapolis, and surrounding counties within the state of Minnesota.

## **Objectives**

1. Provide annual training and educational resources for severe weather spotters.
2. Do scientific, technical evaluation and investigation of severe weather spotting techniques, and methods of forwarding this information.
3. Develop, operate, and maintain amateur radio communications to relay Skywarn spotter reports to the National Weather Service.

## **To accomplish this mission Metro Skywarn will:**

1. Recruit amateur radio operators who have a sincere interest and willingness to voluntarily participate in severe weather spotting, and emergency communications.
2. Conduct Skywarn spotter training 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. Set standards for Amateur radio-based communications, equipment, procedures, and facilitate such activities.
4. Maintain interest, communicate, and educate spotters through newsletters, e-mail, social media, internet, 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.