



## About Us

The Palm Beach County SKYWARN® program is administered by the National Weather Service Miami Office and coordinates with the Palm Beach County Emergency Management Office.

The SKYWARN® program in Palm Beach County is coordinated by Maurice Dake, Amateur Radio call-K9EE and coordinates all SKYWARN® activities in Palm Beach County and with the NWS

Ray Ruby Amateur Radio Call-WX4PBC is the Assistant PBC SKYWARN coordinator and media webmaster.

Many SKYWARN® spotters are licensed amateur radio operators. These “ham” operators provide real time data to the Palm Beach Skywarn emergency net and the Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center or EOC.

You do not need to be an amateur radio operator to become a part of the SKYWARN® program.

All PBC Skywarn Spotters are activated by state of the art Dailogic phone notification systems and amateur radio emergency nets on 146.670 PI 110.9

PBC Skywarn maintains a live chat room known as “SkyChat”. SkyChat is open to all NWS certified NWS Spotters and Skywarn served agencies. SkyChat allows all spotters to maintain communications with each other, Skywarn radio net control and the NWS during an activation. To obtain a SkyChat password, contact Maurice Dake or Ray Ruby. For more information on SkyChat, visit [www.pbcskywarn.org](http://www.pbcskywarn.org) and click on SkyChat icon on Skywarn Links

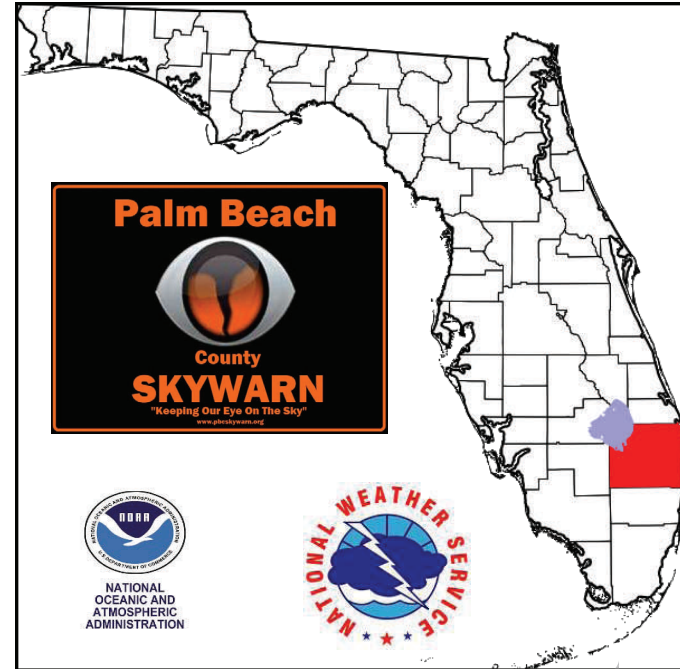
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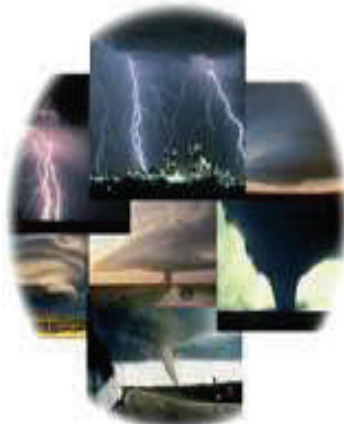
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The effects of severe weather are felt every year by many Americans. To obtain critical weather information, NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS), part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, established SKYWARN® with partner organizations. SKYWARN® is a volunteer program with nearly 290,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.



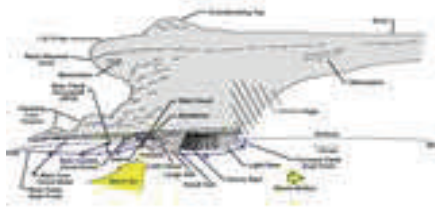
Although SKYWARN® spotters provide essential information for all types of weather hazards, the main responsibility of a SKYWARN® spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms. In the average year, 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes occur across the United States. These events threatened lives and property.

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN® spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

SKYWARN® storm spotters are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation's first line of defense against severe weather.



There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time--seconds and minutes that can help save lives.



### Who is Eligible?

NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service and access to communication, such as HAM radio, to join the SKYWARN® program.

Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches, nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are also encouraged to become a spotter.

### How Can I Get Involved?

NWS has 122 local Weather Forecast Offices, each with a Warning Coordination Meteorologist, who is responsible for administering the SKYWARN® program in their local area. Training is conducted at these local offices and covers

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information

Basic severe weather safety classes are free and typically are about two hours long.



Robert Molleda- Warning Coordination Meteorologist) teaching the SKYWARN spotter class.



To find out when a SKYWARN® class will be conducted in your local area, check out our websites:  
[www.pbcskywarn.net](http://www.pbcskywarn.net) or [www.gladeskywarn.org](http://www.gladeskywarn.org)