



# National Weather Service Pittsburgh

## Become a SKYWARN spotter!



### What is the SKYWARN program?

- National Weather Service program of trained volunteer severe weather spotters
- These spotters provide real-time severe weather reports to the NWS
  - Reports may include hail size, wind damage, rainfall amounts, snowfall totals, etc.
- The reports that the NWS receive from spotters can be instrumental in issuing watches, warnings, and advisories
- Spotters fill in the gaps in weather data between official reporting stations
- The goal of the SKYWARN program is to help the NWS achieve its primary goal of saving lives and properties

### How do I join the SKYWARN program?

- The Pittsburgh office gives presentations every spring in preparation for summertime severe weather
- The NWS, with the support of your local emergency manager, will be giving a talk in your area
- Basic presentations last approximately 2 hours, with advanced presentations lasting approximately 1.5 hours

**The National Weather Service will be doing a presentation at the Garrett County Emergency Operations Center located at Garrett Airport on September 22, 2015 at 5:30 pm.**

**For more information or to RSVP, contact your local Emergency Management Agency at 301-334-7619.**

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