

NWS SKYWARN

STORM SPOTTER TRAINING

Who Should Attend

- Amateur Radio Operators (ARES, RACES and AUXCOMM)
- Emergency Management, Fire, EMS, law enforcement and other public safety personnel
- Weather enthusiasts and interested members of the public

Hancock County Training Session

Hosted by: Hancock County Homeland Security and Hancock County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

In Coordination With: Indianapolis NWS Weather Forecast Office

DATE: Thursday March 12, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

LOCATION: NineStar Conference Center
2243 E Main St Greenfield, IN 46140

Why Attend?

Severe weather can develop quickly. Trained storms spotters provide critical, real-time ground truth to the National Weather Service, helping protect lives and property.

This training session teaches you **what to look for**, **when to report**, and **how to report safely and effectively** during severe weather events.

Topics Covered:

- Thunderstorm development and severe weather hazards
- Tornado, wind, hail, and flash flood identification
- What makes a useful and timely storm report
- Safety considerations for storm spotting
- How the NWS uses reports to issue warnings
- Role of trained spotters during severe weather events

A special thanks to NineStar Connect for providing the space to host this training.



For additional training locations offered by the NWS Forecast Office in Indianapolis, please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ind/spotter> and click on the 'training' tab.

To learn more about the SKYWARN program, please visit
<https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>.

