



Campbell County SkyWarn Concept of Operation



The goal of Campbell County's SkyWarn® program is to develop a cadre of trained SkyWarn® spotters who will be able to provide real-time severe weather information.

In accordance with the Campbell County Warning Plan, in times of severe weather the Campbell County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) activates the county's EOC to collect information about the weather event, make warning and public notification decisions, and to relay storm information and damage reports to the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Rapid City.

CCEMA's SkyWarn® program operates with the support of the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Rapid City NWS Office for the purpose of documenting real-time weather events.

Members are prohibited from "Storm Chasing" activities.

To be identified as a member of the CCEMA SkyWarn® program, applicants must (1) complete the training requirements and (2) complete the application form. In addition to the initial six, on-line classes, to remain active, Spotters must (3) attend one of the annual NWS Spring Severe Weather Trainings presented anywhere in Wyoming or within the Rapid City Forecast Office coverage area.

CCEMA SkyWarn® members will be notified by CCEMA of NWS advisories requesting activation of spotters within the county for a weather event.

CCEMA may also activate the spotters when it appears threatening conditions may occur or to obtain a better understanding of severity or damages.

If the EOC is activated, CCEMA SkyWarn® members should provide their reports to the EOC via radio, phone or WebEOC®.

If the EOC is not activated, any members observing imminent LIFE-THREATING conditions should call 9-1-1 and notify dispatch immediately.

Any reporting Spotters should be prepared to provide basic SkyWarn® report information, including:

Name, their Location, the Location of the hazard, Type of Hazard, Time it began, Duration, Damage and Contact information.

Spotters must maintain ACES (Awareness, Communication, Escape Routes and Safe Zones) and always make their personal safety their top priority.

All CCEMA SkyWarn® spotters will be issued an ID Number and will have a User Account created on the Campbell County WebEOC® system. In addition to reporting via radio or telephone, CCEMA Spotters will be able to utilize the WebEOC® Mobile App to file reports or view reports from other spotters. Rapid City NWS also has access to WebEOC® and the spotter reports.

Information from the Spotter reports may also be utilized by NWS, CCEMA, and the media so all reasonable efforts should be made to ensure accuracy of the information being reported.

