

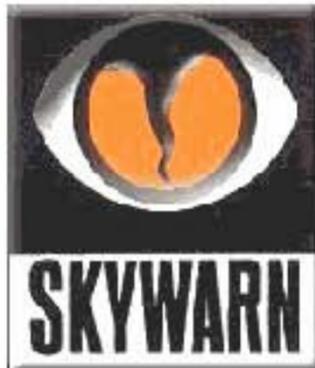


TRAINING AND OUTREACH



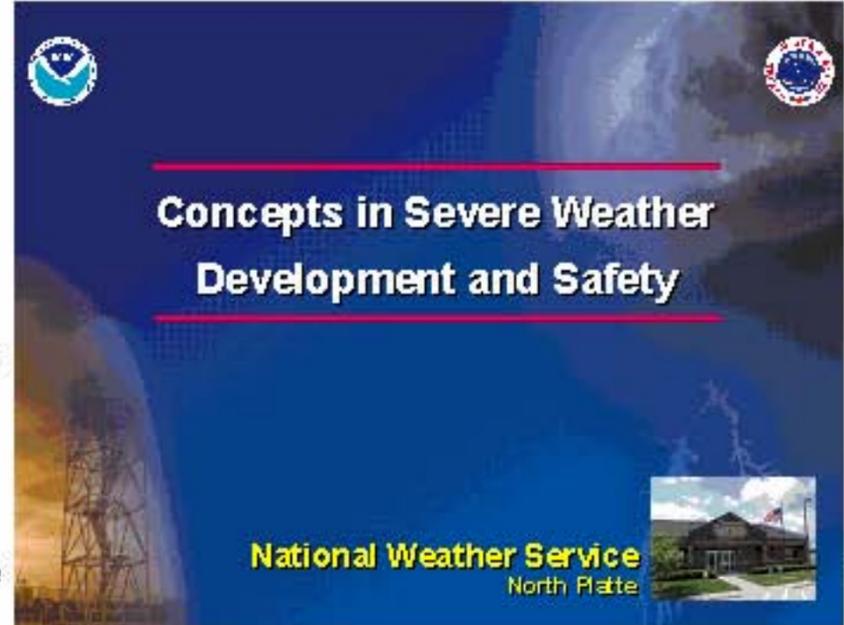
Storm Spotter Training

Severe weather can occur at any time. Because of this, the National Weather Service Office in North Platte maintains a continuous weather watch. Weather conditions are monitored 24 hours a day with warnings issued as conditions warrant.



The National Weather Service, in joint cooperation with County and State Civil Defense Directors and Emergency Managers work to train SKYWARN groups. The National Weather Service does not recruit weather spotters. If you are interested in becoming active in a SKYWARN group contact your County Civil Defense Director or Emergency Manager.

The National Weather Service does give storm spotter talks to the public. The emergency manager for the county or group of counties usually arranges a date. The majority of the attendance my the local law enforcement and rescue personnel. The talks are given before the severe weather season begins in the early spring. Although anyone it the office can give the talk, most of the talks are given by the Warning Coordination Meteorologist, Deb Blondin.



School Talks and Office Tours



Several requests come into the National Weather Service at North Platte each year for tours of our forecast office, as well as for presentations for schools and other entities across western and north central Nebraska. As long as time and weather conditions permit, we are happy to oblige these requests, plus it gives our staff a chance to step out of their daily duties and have some fun showing others what



it is we do here at the NWS, and why our life and property. Many of our tours and makes it even more fun! In our tours and portunity to see not only how the weather of work that are critical to the NWS such as ogy. Without skilled individuals in these po-could not sustain such a high level of ser-office and various presentations we give back from the folks we serve while estab-substance to our careers. To arrange a tour area, contact Deb Blondin or John



work is important in the quest for protection of presentations are to school age children, which school presentations, we give children the op-works, but we also expose them to other fields computer technology and electronic technol-sitions at our office, the NWS North Platte vice for the area. In addition, the tours of the provide our staff the opportunity to hear feed-lishing new relationships that give valuable of our office, or to set up a presentation in your Stoppkotte via email or by phone.