

## **June 17, 2010 Account**

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The June 17, 2010 tornadic event from a decade ago still resonates with me as well as many of my NWS Twin Cities colleagues. This likely will be the largest tornadic event in my career, even going forward, both in terms of numbers of total tornadoes and number of significant tornadoes (EF2+).

Recollecting that event, I often think how the meteorological ingredients continued to look more and more ominous the day before and especially during the day of. As the public day shift forecaster on the 17th, I recall our assigning of duties that morning, asking for extra assistance from our Science and Operations Officer, who would greatly assist me in diagnosing the rapidly changing environment.

The impacts that day to Minnesotans were significant. Yet I feel the system worked effectively. When I say the system I mean 1) meteorologists analyzing, forecasting, and warning by using their training of high impact weather, 2) communicating and refining the hazardous weather message including by our media and emergency management partners, and 3) proper response by the public of taking shelter when needed. Also, the resiliency in the weeks that followed shown by Minnesotans in the hardest hit areas really stands out.