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WFO Miami Participates in SKYWARN™ Recognition Day

December 7, 2009: On Saturday, December 5th, the National Weather Service participated in its 11th annual [SKYWARN™ Recognition Day](#). This event celebrates the valuable contributions of SKYWARN™ volunteers to the National Weather Service's warning program. Amateur radio operators use this day to visit their local NWS office and establish contact with other radio operators across the country and world.

Once again this year, WFO Miami used this day as an opportunity to invite a group of our SKYWARN™ volunteers to the office for a tour of the WFO and National Hurricane Center. Warning Coordination Meteorologist Robert Molleda led the tour which included an introduction/weather briefing, a tour of the NHC forecast operations areas, a visit to the CARCAH Hurricane Reconnaissance Unit and a tour of the WFO forecast operations area. It just so happened that a tornado watch was in effect for south Florida during the tour, enabling the tour participants to see first-hand the dedication and hard work of our forecasters during severe weather.

Below are some pictures of the event. Many thanks to all of our SKYWARN™ volunteers for their valuable service to the NWS and the south Florida community!



Tour participants pose for a group picture in front of the NHC wall map



SKYWARN™ Coordinators Annie and Don Morris (left) describe the purpose and duties of the WFO Miami Amateur Radio station WX4MIA



Group picture in the WFO forecast operations area