

ACTION ITEM from Integrated Warning Team Workshop

The Integrated Warning Team developed the following action item for the counties served by the National Weather Service in Northern Indiana (NWS IWX.)

The IWT members will utilize NWSChat as the Instant Messaging platform for communication, data sharing, and the primary source of information during adverse weather events. This platform affords two-way communication and private chat capabilities for all members of the IWT.

Why use NWSChat? The use of NWSChat was recognized as a tool to help improve public safety, to provide timely and consistent messages, to keep all partners informed before, during and after events, and provides data from reliable sources.

To accomplish this, the NWS will provide NWSChat registration information to the IWT Membership. Regulations governing the approval, use and registration will be followed.

Some items of note from the IWT Meeting:

- Most groups appreciate that the NWS proactively uses WebEOC
- Each county has own procedures to follow that make social media challenging
 - NWS has implemented a listserv as forum for open communication and idea-sharing

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