

Integrated Warning Team Workshop

Breakout Group A Notes

- Fire Chief: Need early warnings to get out to mitigate impacts
- Bombagetti: Sometimes getting information back to NWS is at the lower end of their priorities because of how busy they are.
- Michael – Need one centralized place to get information and thought that NWSchat was a great place to get this.
- Kristen K. – Agreed that NWSchat was very useful to her, and that the need existed to have all information shared in one centralized place.
- Group had several different levels of experience with social media. Some seemed to be a little intimidating by the technology, but those that were not using social media were eager to learn how to start doing it.
- Evan mentioned how with Twitter, you can even text on your cell phone and make a Twitter post. Evan and Jim A. discussed the wireless NWS product alerts, but that they were not available for SVRs.
- It was discussed that there needed to be an outreach developed on how to actually use social media sites, sometimes when we are too familiar with them we forget that there is a learning curve to using them initially.
- John – Thought sometimes we lose focus on the fact that the public is the ultimate customer we must serve and that all discussions should have that end goal.
- Evan restated the importance of having a centralized place for information to go like NWSchat so that information did not have to be relayed by a 2nd party which would delay dissemination of the information to many. It was mentioned that the spotternetwork site maintained by Al P. could help get spotter reports to this centralized NWSchat more quickly with direct posting of spotter reports into the chat room.
- Bombagetti was concerned a bit about social media because he did not have access to computers all the time in the field.
- The need to share all information was discussed because what might not be important to one group, may be important to someone else.
- Kristen K expressed concern for delayed LSR's and how sometimes it might be confusing on NWSchat that the report was delayed and for a previous day.
- Action item from the group was to have NWSchat as the agreed upon place to share information.

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