

Northern Indiana Integrated Warning Team Workshop

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Notes from Breakout Group C:

- Media prefers reports from credible/official sources like trained spotters and CoCoRaHS observers
- Media generally does not cut into a broadcast for winter weather, more often during severe weather
- There is a balance of when to cut in (severity of storm), with a tornado warning almost always cut into broadcast. During cut-ins, reports are necessary, can't just analyze radar on the air for 30 minutes.
- Data is especially important for high end events
- Emergency Manager: Reports from public often go to media. We need info such as power outages, trees down across roads, etc.
- EM: Resources/staffing depend on time of day of the event. Access to communication resources difficult when staffing is low. Later at night, may have enough staff, during the day not so much.
- EM: We all have limitations, how do we best manage data and sharing this data given these limitations?
- In many counties, reports to law enforcement are inefficient because they are too overwhelmed to relay this info to the NWS/Media
- Spotternetwork.org is a possible way to look at information
- EM: Concerned with inundation of databases; should we be looking at all reports or reports from more specific customers (spotters, emergency personnel) Is it possible to develop a larger spotter training session targeted toward 1st responders a few times a year (tabled for next IWT)
- EM: can media get access to WebEOC?
- Concerned that some emergency personnel don't care about weather spotting or SKYWARN training. This would also increase workload on dispatchers mentioned earlier.

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