

ARRL/NWS Skywarn Recognition Day

National Weather Service, Pueblo, CO

December 3rd & 4th, 2010

All amateur radio operators are invited and encouraged to come to Pueblo and participate in the 12th annual **ARRL/NWS Skywarn Recognition Day** special event hosted by the **NWS Pueblo Skywarn Group** at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Pueblo starting at 17:00 (5 pm) MST on Friday, December 3rd and running 24-hours continuous through 17:00 (5 pm) on Saturday, December 4th.

NWS Skywarn Recognition Day is a nationwide special event co-sponsored by the National Weather Service and the ARRL that has been growing rapidly in popularity and participation since its inception 12 years ago. This is a truly unique event, part special event and part contest, where operators from all around the country/world try to work as many NWS Forecast Office stations as possible and exchange weather observations during a 24-hour period. It's really fun being a station everyone is trying to work, and finding yourself on the receiving end of a big pileup. Last year, over 100 NWS Forecast Offices participated.

Sid White (K4ARM) is the SRD Coordinator for this event; feel free to contact him at (719) 495-4147 or E-mail: sidwhite (AT) att (DOT) net – if you have any questions.

The NWS Pueblo Skywarn Group will be operating under its club call, WXØPUB, and will have two HF SSB stations, an HF Digital station (CW, RTTY, Amtor, Pactor, PSK-31, other soundcard modes) and a VHF/UHF/Packet/APRS station. **All of the stations, antennas, computers and equipment are provided**, so all operators need to do is show up, roll up your sleeves and help keep the stations on the air. Nighttime is especially fun, and the event runs ALL night, so if you're a night owl . . . we especially need your help (we provide the coffee)! ***If you have an ARES or RACES ID card or a Callsign/Name badge, please be sure to bring it and wear it.***

For those involved in ARES or RACES, this is an outstanding opportunity to see and operate a first class portable EmComm setup – as none of the equipment or antennas are permanent fixtures at NWS Pueblo, it is all brought in and set up as is often required in real emergency operations.

If you don't have HF privileges under your current license class, just ask – if control operators are available (and they usually are) you can get on the air and explore the fun and excitement of HF operation with an experienced operator to help you along. This also is an excellent opportunity to learn about HF SSB & Digital, packet, APRS and other exciting modes.

Last year, WXØPUB ranked 23rd of 109 NWS stations that submitted logs, making 212 contacts in 38 states and worked 32 other NWS forecast offices during the 24-hour period.

Because setup must be accomplished very quickly/efficiently on Friday, we have an experienced and dedicated group of volunteers who do this. If you're especially interested in learning about and helping with the setup process during the day on Friday, contact K4ARM. Volunteers are always needed and welcome for teardown which will start at 17:00 on Saturday evening.

Directions: The NWS Pueblo Forecast Office is located at 3 Eaton Way, Pueblo, CO – just a few blocks SW of the Pueblo Municipal Airport terminal building. Directions: Take Hwy 50 East from I-25 (Exit 100-A) in Pueblo and go 5.75 miles to the Pueblo Municipal Airport exit; at the exit ramp stop sign, turn left (**North**) and go under Hwy 50; continue **straight** to the stop sign at William White Blvd.; turn left and go 9/10 (0.9) mile to Eaton Way. Turn right on Eaton Way and the reddish-brick NWS building will be immediately to your left. Maps to site: [NWS Pueblo Map 1](#) and [NWS Pueblo Map 2](#) or type the following URLs into your Internet Browser: <http://tinyurl.com/3696m4r> and <http://tinyurl.com/393dl2q>

The **NWS Pueblo Skywarn Group** is made up of Skywarn-trained weather spotters, both hams and non-hams. NWS Pueblo appreciates the contributions of all our Skywarn spotters, and especially those made by amateur radio; we hope you will join us for this special event. For additional event information visit the official [NOAA Skywarn Recognition Day](#) website.