

SKYWARN Recap Videos of Irene, Snowtober, and the June 1 Tornado

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Both Amateur Radio and Non-Amateur Radio SKYWARN Spotters from across the region have provided pictures and videos of many of the significant severe weather events that have impacted the region. Videographer and Amateur Radio Assistant North Shore SKYWARN Coordinator Jim Palmer, with assistance from Amateur Radio Emergency Services SKYWARN Coordinator Rob Macedo, have put together several recap videos to highlight these major storms. This presentation will focus on the Tropical Storm Irene, "Snowtober," and June 1st Western Massachusetts Tornado Outbreak videos, complete with recordings of some of the reports as they were received at the Amateur Radio Station at the National Weather Service Taunton Forecast office, WX1BOX.

Tropical Storm Irene Recap Video

A review of the SKYWARN Activation for Tropical Storm Irene, which affected the region with damaging winds, storm surge, and river/stream/urban flooding from August 27-28, 2011. This includes recordings of reports being delivered to the Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center, WX4NHC, and their coordinator team.

"Snowtober" Recap Video

Amateur Radio SKYWARN Recap Video from the early season October snowstorm that affected the region from October 29-30, 2011. This includes snowfall and damage pictures that affected much of the region during this major nor'easter.

Western Massachusetts Tornado Outbreak - June 1, 2011

Pictures and video, including from an aerial survey by Amateur Radio SKYWARN Coordinators, from the historic June 1, 2011 tornado that affected areas from Westfield to Charlton along a 39 mile path. A total of 4 tornadoes struck Western Massachusetts on June 1st, 2011.

These videos (along with numerous others) are available at <http://video.nsradio.org/>

PRESENTERS' BIOS

Jim Palmer is a Graduate of the Visual/Media arts program at Emerson College in Boston, MA and has worked in community media for most of his career. He is currently working at Peabody Access Telecommunications as their Production Manager, with his primary roles both guiding local residents to produce their own local programming and assisting with the day-to-day operations of the facility.

Jim has produced several short video reviews for the bi-annual SKYWARN coordinator strategy meetings along with short documentaries on Amateur Radio's involvement with SKYWARN, including a recent project on Amateur Radio's role in the NWS-Taunton SKYWARN program. Both his professional and private work has been recognized by the Alliance for Community Media's various video festivals.

Jim has held an Amateur Radio license under call sign KB1KQW for several years, and is very active in both the SKYWARN and Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) programs, as well as the local North Shore Radio Association. Jim is the Eastern Massachusetts Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator and North Shore ARES-SKYWARN Assistant Coordinator. In his spare time, he enjoys camping, hiking, and still assists with the Boy Scouts of America, where he earned his Eagle Scout award and currently serves as the Advisor of ham radio Venture Crew 47 in Peabody.

Rob Macedo (Amateur Radio Call-Sign: KD1CY) was born and raised in Saratoga Springs, NY and moved to New Bedford, MA for college in 1991, where he went to UMASS-Dartmouth and graduated with an Electrical Engineering degree. He works as an Engineering Manager/Principal Disk Drive Evaluation Engineer at EMC Corporation, where he has been for over 17 years. He manages a global team of engineers working on disk drive and Solid State Drive evaluation in EMC products. Rob has always had a very strong interest in technology, meteorology, emergency management, and emergency communications.

He has been the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) SKYWARN Coordinator for NWS Taunton for 17 years and became the Eastern Massachusetts ARES Section Emergency Coordinator in 2005. He is also involved with the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Hurricane Net, where he was named the Director of Operations for the net in January, 2006. In this capacity, he visited the National Hurricane Center several times, the latest of which was in 2012 to meet with the Amateur Radio Coordinator team at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida as part of the 2012 National Hurricane Conference in Orlando Florida. He has been honored as a winner of the NOAA Environmental Heroes Award for outstanding service for NOAA with the NWS Taunton SKYWARN program in 2003. He enjoys working and coordinating emergency communications and has been an Amateur Radio operator since 1988. When he is not at work or doing Amateur Radio emergency communications and weather spotting public service work, Rob enjoys movies, shows, time with family and friends, as well as sporting events.