



SKYWARN TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION – BECOME A TRAINED WEATHER SPOTTER AND INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY – YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Under the leadership and guidance of the National Weather Service in Hanford (NWS), Fresno County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) is pleased to announce a SKYWARN Training event that will be presented in early September.

The NWS-Hanford office is eager to support the public/private partnership that accompanies the volunteer SKYWARN program by training more weather spotters. Individuals that offer their weather spotting time and skills to the NWS not only increase weather data collection, they ultimately enhance public safety. You and your organization are invited to participate in these official NWS training events to expand timely and accurate reports of severe weather in the Central Valley and Sierra Foothills. The NWS-Hanford office is particularly eager to recruit volunteers located in or who travel to the foothills east of the Central Valley and have robust communication abilities in these more remote areas.



Course content will start with basic meteorology and get more advanced as the presentation progresses. The NWS will include videos of recent events that took place in the valley and foothills to help volunteers understand what they observe. The course will briefly cover the structure of the NWS as well as the desired content and methods that should be used in a weather report. Information provided may also include details about *NWSChat*, a live/interactive weather chat program that trained weather spotters use to communicate with

the NWS during developing weather events.

Please join the Fresno County ARES group in this unique public safety training opportunity and encourage those in your organization to attend and learn!

Certificates of Completion will be issued to all who complete the course. (You only need attend one of the training courses and two sessions are offered for your convenience via Go-To Meeting online.)

WHO: All citizens and organizations interested in increasing their understanding of weather events.

WHEN:

Training Session 1: SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2020 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM Pacific Time (1800-2000 hrs)

<https://www.gotomeet.me/nwshanford/nws-skywarn----wednesday-session>

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Training Session 2: SEPTEMBER 5th, 2020 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM Pacific Time (1300-1500 hrs)

<https://www.gotomeet.me/nwshanford/nws-skywarn----saturday-session>

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