

MICON – NWS meeting November 8th 2008

National Weather Service

- 1) Review 2008 Severe Weather Season
 - ~337 events
 - 1 Tornado
 - Most action in June

- 2) Storm Based Warnings
 - New system worked well
 - Hit rate 83% a little higher than average
 - False warnings 27% - a little drop from average
 - 31% reduction in warning area
 - Average warning of event 23 minutes (better than last year)

- 3) Winter Weather Preview/Winter Spotting
 - last winter 99 County events – a record year
 - Hit rate 88%
 - 15 hour lead time
 - Should be an average winter
 - Simplified Winter Warning and Advisories

- 4) Miscellaneous Subjects
 1. 2009 Skywarn Training
 - Major update
 - reporting will be put first then meteorology

- 5) Preparation for Skywarn Special Event – December 6th (00Z to 00Z)
 - Looking for operators
 - Food will be provided

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Ray KB8VNI – MICON DEC will be in Florida this winter
Skywarn needs people for 3rd and 4th shift (food & radios provided)
MICON is working on an updated operations manual
(After the meeting Ray offered to fire up MICON for our Spotter Training Exercise!)

Fred Moses talked about the cman network which is now Central Michigan Amateur Network, Inc. This is the repeater system used by MICON.

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