U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
Weather Forecast Office
328 Innovation Blvd., Suite 330
State College, PA 16803

Dear SkyWarn Observer,

Let us first express our thanks for volunteering to help NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) protect the citizens of Pennsylvania from the ravages of severe weather. Your volunteer efforts, combined with dedicated staff at the NWS office in State College, PA will help make the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a safer place to live.

During your recent training, you were exposed to many concepts of thunderstorm and tornado formation, snowfall reporting, flash and river flooding, and NWS operations. This material was intended to provide you with the building blocks of information to intelligently (and safely) track extreme weather, and provide credible reports to the NWS.

Although satellite, radar, and automated observations provide a wealth of information, they are even more powerful when combined with ground truth information from SkyWarn Spotters.

Remember, you can submit your reports via:

- Phone (preferred for severe weather reports): Spotter Line 800-697-0010
- Facebook: US National Weather Service State College PA
- Twitter: @NWSStateCollege #PAwx #CTPwx
- On-line: https://www.weather.gov/ctp/WeatherReports
- E-mail: ctp.stormreports@noaa.gov

Also remember that although reports of damage and severe weather close to real-time are most important, reports of damage (house/structure damage or trees knocked down) several hours or even days after a thunderstorm are still useful information to us.

Once again, we thank you for participating in the NWS State College SkyWarn program.

Sincerely,

The Severe Weather Team
National Weather Service
State College, Pennsylvania