

# **Perspectives on a Regional Radio Network's Utilization of NWSChat**

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## **ABSTRACT**

NWSChat and its predecessor IEMChat have increased intercommunication between National Weather Service Weather Forecast Offices (WFO), River Forecast Centers (RFC), local emergency management, Skywarn volunteers, government officials, and print, radio, and television media. In general, this emerging mode of communication is utilized by local groups that reside in or adjacent to the WFO's County Warning Area. While most of the usage of NWSChat and its predecessor IEMChat occurs on this local level there are several regional and nationwide entities that are implementing the service on a broader scope. This presentation will describe how Weather Eye Radio Network uses NWSChat to develop relationships with WFO staff, local media, and emergency managers and employs the service to provide a better level of service to our customers.