



# News Release

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## **NOAA's NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PUEBLO WANTS TO FURTHER EXPAND ITS WEATHER SPOTTER NETWORK**

NOAA's National Weather Service in Pueblo, Colorado is looking for citizens who would like to volunteer to join its **WEATHER SPOTTER NETWORK**. These citizen volunteers will report severe weather conditions, such as large hail, damaging winds, tornados, etc. directly to NOAA's National Weather Service in Pueblo via a toll-free 800 telephone number or the internet. No special skills or equipment are needed. NOAA's National Weather Service in Pueblo will provide detailed instructions, information and training on reporting weather.

Volunteers are needed all the way from the San Luis Valley and surrounding mountains to the rural plains of southeast Colorado.

Weather Spotters will continue to be a most important link in NOAA's National Weather Service severe weather warning process. Information from weather spotters has often allowed for confirmation of severe weather after an official warning has been issued, and occasionally are the first notice that severe weather has developed in an area.

These Weather Spotters would also be asked to report snow amounts in the Winter months. The information these valuable people provide, in some instances, would improve weather forecasts for their area.

Also, if you have wind speed measuring equipment at your home or business, and could Share that vital wind information, please contact the National Weather Service in Pueblo.

Anyone interested in becoming a Weather Spotter for NOAA's National Weather Service in Pueblo, or who has wind speed measuring equipment should call

1-719-948-9429, ext. 726,

or send an e-mail to:

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or send a postcard with their name, address, county and approximate location to:

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