North Texas Integrated Warning Team Workshop

April 3, 2012

Tornado Outbreak

Lancaster, TX tornado. Photo Credit: Dallas Morning News
Johnson County

12:38-12:44 PM
NWS receives multiple tornado reports; confusing credibility

12:45 PM
Warning issued

12:46 PM
1st damage report
## Dual Tornado Emergencies

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**When issuance of a “Tornado Emergency” was communicated via NWSChat: message was mentioned on local TV stations 89% of the time**

**When “Tornado Emergency” mentioned in a text product (warning) only: NEVER specifically relayed on air!**
Forney

3:35-3:45 PM

NWS receives multiple reports Forney High School damaged by tornado