

SEVERE WEATHER HISTORY AND TRENDS IN MINNESOTA: SOME PERSPECTIVES ON THE FUTURE

Meteorologists CRAIG EDWARDS and PAUL HUTTNER will share experiences, analysis of severe weather trends, and perceptions on public safety, communications, and preparedness in this session on severe weather as part of the 2010 Clean Water and Climate Summit.

Biographies

Craig Edwards

Meteorologist Craig Edwards has a wealth of forecasting experience in the most active weather region of the country. Mr. Edwards labored for the Federal Government the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for more than 34 years, serving as the Chief Meteorologist in the Twin Cities from 1991 to 2006. During his tenure as chief meteorologist, he orchestrated the modernization and restructuring of government weather services and technology in Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

He received the Department of Commerce Bronze medal for superb warning team performance during the March 28, 1998 tornado outbreak in southern Minnesota. Since his retirement from federal service in 2006 Mr. Edwards has published his memoir in a book called *Nature's Messenge*, he serves as backup meteorologist for Minnesota Public Radio, and as game day meteorologist for Minnesota Twins home games at Target Field. He is a member of the American Meteorological Society, the National Weather Association, and the Knights of Columbus, and a well-known public speaker around the state of Minnesota.

Paul Huttner

Paul Huttner is the first Chief Meteorologist with Minnesota Public Radio. He heads up weather coverage and delivers daily weather perspective and commentary on KNOW 91.1FM and on Minnesota Public Radio's 38 station network. Paul served two stints as a meteorologist with WCCO-TV in Minneapolis (1988-1994 and 2006-2007). Paul also served as Chief Meteorologist at KGUN9 in Tucson from 1997 through 2005, and was the first meteorologist for the WGN Morning News program from 1994-1996.

Paul's first living memory is of the 1965 Twin Cities tornado outbreak. Professionally he has covered and broadcast live during the Halloween Mega Storm in 1991, the Chicago Heat Wave in 1995, and countless severe weather outbreaks including the August 19th 2009 Twin Cities tornadoes. Paul was born and raised in Minnesota and is a member of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and has earned the AMS Television Seal of Approval and the AMS Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) designation.