



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

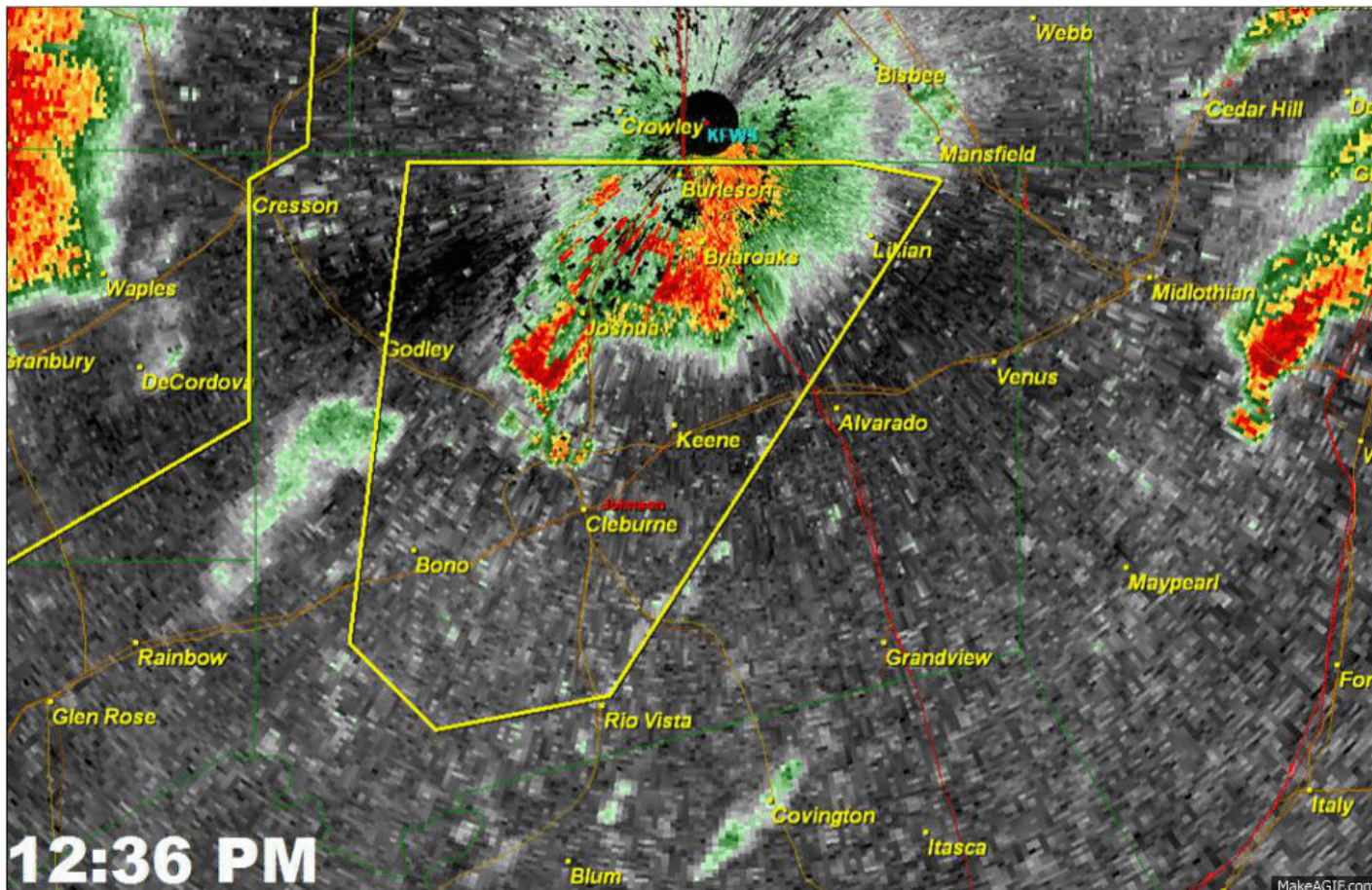
NWS receives multiple tornado reports; confusing credibility

12:45 PM

Warning issued

12:46 PM

1st damage report



Dual Tornado Emergencies

1:16-1:20 PM

Dallas Tornado Emergency (text):
NWSChat, on-air mention

Tarrant Tornado Emergency (text):
NWSChat, on-air mention

1:26-1:35 PM

2 Dallas Tornado Emergency (text):
No NWSChat, no on-air mention

2 Tarrant Tornado Emergency
(text): NWSChat, on-air mention

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

