

A Stop in Time Saves Train

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AccuWeather Enterprise Solutions has become the dominant provider of weather risk mitigation services to the North American railroad industry because of our unique track-specific precision storm warnings that keep trains out of trouble while minimizing unnecessary false alarms.

While August is well outside of the traditional “tornado season,” a swarm of tornadoes struck the Midwest on the 19th, demonstrating that tornadoes can occur the year ‘round.

Storm chaser John Farley was following a classic greenish funnel cloud when he passed a stopped Kansas City Southern train near Roodhouse, Illinois. The train had been halted in response to our SkyGuard warning to Kansas City Southern. Our meteorologists had forecasted that a tornado would cross the track ahead of the train. By stopping the train, based on our warning, Kansas City Southern was keeping the train out of harm’s way. The accompanying photo is a screen capture from the video he was shooting.

After the tornado, John captured this image of the toppled pole across the track, along with the grass matted down by the tornado’s high winds.

Just another example of AccuWeather’s clients maximizing safety and profitability through our SkyGuard® service.



Kansas City Southern train stopped by a AccuWeather tornado warning.



Photo of damage after the tornado.

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