

RADAR OPERATIONS CENTER

As the radars age, the staff of the Radar Operations Center continually improve the reliability of the radars by replacing components that become unsupportable or obsolete. The ROC also improves the capability of the radar by adding new technology. The Radar Operations Center is divided into four branches - Operations, Applications, Engineering and Program - each with a specific role in helping maintain the radar network.

The ROC has more than 130 people who work for the NOAA National Weather Service, FAA, Air Force and Navy, as well as support contractors. Our staff members have a variety of skills, ranging from radar meteorologists, to engineers, radar technicians, software engineers, technical writers and everyone in between. ROC staff members are very innovative and react to challenges of all kinds. They continually travel to repair radars in remote locations in all kinds of weather, and even acquired new radars and moved radars.

The ROC was established in 1987 and located in Norman to be near the radar meteorology experts at the National Severe Storms Laboratory, which is also part of NOAA, and the University of Oklahoma.

The work done at the Radar Operations Center is important to the nation because it directly impacts the ability of radars to provide information to forecasters who issue warnings and save lives.



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