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2023 Frederick County SKYWARN Courses Announced

FREDERICK, Md. – The Frederick County Division of Emergency Management is pleased to partner with the National Weather Service Office in Sterling, Virginia, to offer two free SKYWARN “Storm Spotter” trainings for residents and emergency responders.

When: SKYWARN Basics, Wednesday June 7, 6 - 8 p.m.
SKYWARN Flood, Tuesday June 13, 6 - 8 p.m.

Where: Frederick County Public Safety Training Facility
5370 Public Safety Place, Frederick, 21704

Register: SKYWARN Basics - FrederickCountyMD.gov/SKYWARNBasics
SKYWARN Flood - FrederickCountyMD.gov/SKYWARNFlood

What is SKYWARN

SKYWARN is a National Weather Service program designed to obtain critical information during times of severe weather.

SKYWARN volunteers receive training in storm identification and evolution, and when severe weather threatens, they report information to the local NWS office.

NWS meteorologists provide training on recognizing features associated with developing, mature, and dissipating thunderstorms which cause hazardous weather such as lightning, flooding, hail, tornadoes, and downbursts.

The SKYWARN Flood course covers recognizing different types of flooding, learning how they are forecast, and getting an in-depth look into the science of hydrology. The SKYWARN Basics course is NOT required prior to attending this course.

At the end of the courses, participants will be assigned a SKYWARN® spotter number and instructions on reporting vital weather information.

Who Should Attend

Anyone with an interest in severe weather. SKYWARN Spotters include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, public utility workers, HAM radio operators, and private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches, nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are also encouraged to become a severe weather spotter. Individuals who have attended in the past are welcome to attend as a refresher. Contact lwx-report@noaa.gov for questions regarding the class.

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