A Skywarn™ Training Class is Coming to your Area

What is Skywarn™?

The Skywarn™ Spotter program is a voluntary program in which the public can participate and interact with your local National Weather Service (NWS) Office. Skywarn™ spotters are encouraged to relay critical weather information to their local NWS Office, in support of the Warning and Forecast Operations. The information they provide routinely helps the NWS Forecasters make better/more informed forecasts, and helps them to warn others of impending dangers or hazards.

Who is Eligible?

NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service to join the Skywarn™ program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches, nursing homes or those who have a responsibility for protecting others are also encouraged to become spotters.

How Can I Get Involved?

A local Skywarn™ class is coming to your area. The class will be conducted by the NWS, and will cover topics such as: Basics of thunderstorm development; Identifying severe weather features; How to report severe weather and what should be reported; and basic severe weather safety. Classes are free of charge and generally last about 90 minutes. Current Skywarn™ spotters who are planning to attend for a refresher are encouraged to bring their Spotter ID cards or ID Numbers.

CLASS INFORMATION

Sponsored by: Centre County Office of Emergency Services

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016

Time: 6:30PM

Location: 420 Holmes Street, Room 09
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Registration by 4/18: Jody Lair, Operations & Training Officer
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NOTE: Should the class need to be cancelled at the last minute…there will be a posting made on the web site: http://www.weather.gov/ctp/SpotterTalks under the appropriate calendar entry. Be sure to check the link the day of the event to see any changes!