

ADVANCED SEVERE WEATHER TRAINING PROGRAMS

SEVERE WEATHER...ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?



Kenosha County WI, January 7, 2008



Roanoke, IL, July 13, 2004



**Friday and Saturday
March 14 and 15, 2008**

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Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

**In cooperation with the
National Weather Service - Chicago
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2008 ADVANCED WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Join us for the 17th Annual Advanced Severe Weather Seminar. The 2008 Advanced Severe Weather Seminar will offer two unique programs designed to meet the educational needs of those persons and agencies involved in preparing for and spotting severe weather events.

The **Tornado Shelter Seminar** is specifically geared for emergency planners, business and industry owners, operators and managers, school administrators, hospital and nursing home managers, and many more.

The **Advanced Weather Spotter Seminar** is geared for those individuals who will be on the front line of the weather warning system, including amateur radio operators, emergency management personnel, police, fire, public works and utility workers.

Attendees will acquire a broader understanding of the severe weather phenomenon and its effects on the community. Detailed information provided as part of the advanced spotter's workshop will train the spotter in methods to detect, properly identify, and report approaching storms and tornadoes.

FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2008 TORNADO SHELTER SEMINAR

The Tornado Shelter Seminar will be held on Friday, March 14, 2008, from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm.

Seminar highlights include:

- Introduction to severe weather
- National Weather Service Operations and Severe Weather Preparedness
- Effects of severe winds on structures
- Techniques for surveying buildings
- Identifying the best possible severe weather shelter space
- Developing a facility severe weather safety plan
- Case studies

The primary speaker for this seminar will be Timothy P. Marshall, P.E. He specializes in building damage assessment from all types of disaster – natural and man-made, damage appraisals, and meteorological studies. Tim, a self-proclaimed "tornado chaser" who resides in Texas, has written numerous articles and presented hundreds of lectures on the effects of storms on buildings. He has appeared on more than 50 television programs about tornadoes, safety, and building damage including ABC, CBS, NBC, The Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, National Geographic, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and The Weather Channel.

SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2008 ADVANCED WEATHER SPOTTER SEMINAR

The Advanced Weather Spotter Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2008, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

The Advanced Spotter Seminar is designed to provide advanced information needed by weather spotters to identify and accurately report the formation of severe weather events. Scheduled highlights include:

- Review of basic spotting and reporting
- Amateur radio operations at the NWS
- Tornadoes and big cities
- Devastating severe weather events in 2007 and 2008
- Raffle prizes
- And much more

Back by popular demand, Chris Novy will entertain and amaze us with stories and weather video from the past year.

A speaker's forum will conclude the session where participants will be able to pose questions to the panel of experts about current weather-related topics.

Terms and concepts discussed in this seminar presuppose that participants have completed basic weather spotter level training. Completion of a basic weather spotter training course prior to attending this program is not required but is recommended. Check out the National Weather Service Chicago website at www.crh.noaa.gov/lot for basic spotter courses in your area.

This seminar is conducted jointly by the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the National Weather Service – Chicago Forecast Office, and College of DuPage Next Generation Weather Lab (Nexlab).

SEMINAR LOCATION

Both seminars will be held on the campus of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, at the following venues:

Billy Graham Center - Barrows Auditorium – March 14
Tornado Shelter Seminar

Todd M. Beamer Student Center-
Coray Alumni Event Room* – March 15
Advanced Weather Spotter Seminar

***Please note the change in location from previous years.** This facility offers easier building access for attendees and is located in the same building as the cafeteria.

**THIS IS NOT A FUNCTION OF
WHEATON COLLEGE.**

Directions to the campus from I-88 (Ronald Reagan Tollroad)

- Exit at Naperville Road northbound
- Go north on Naperville Road to Route 38 (Roosevelt Road) in Wheaton – approximately 3 miles
- Turn east (right) onto Roosevelt Road
- Go 1 block to Washington Street
- Turn north (left) onto Washington Street
- The campus is about ¼ mile north on Washington Street

A detailed map, showing each venue, parking areas, etc. will be forwarded to all registered participants as part of the confirmation letter, which will be mailed approximately one week prior to the program.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Seminar registration fees are listed below:

Tornado Shelter Seminar - \$40.00
Advanced Weather Spotter Seminar - \$40.00

Registration fees include a zippered portfolio and pen for notes, coffee, rolls, snacks, and lunch.

EARLY REGISTRATION SPECIAL

Participants with registrations post marked **before** the registration cut-off date of Friday, February 29, 2008, receive a special early registration discount, as shown below:

Tornado Shelter Seminar - \$30.00
Advanced Spotter Seminar - \$30.00

Registrations **post marked** after the cut-off date or **walk-in registrations** at the door will be assessed the full registration fee of \$40.00. Materials and meals are not guaranteed for late registrations.

A confirmation package will be mailed to each participant registered for the seminar approximately two weeks prior to the program. This package will include a detailed map of the campus and directions to program areas and parking.

If overnight lodging is needed, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has developed a listing of area motels / hotels. If you desire this information, please call the DuPage County EOC at (630) 682-7925 and we will be happy to forward this information to you.

REFUND POLICY

Pre-registered individuals who find it necessary to cancel must contact the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at (630) 682-7925 as soon as possible. Cancellations received **before** Friday, February 29, 2008, will receive a full refund. Refunds will not be possible for cancellations received after the cut-off date as materials and food will already have been ordered.

GOING "GREEN" THIS YEAR

In an effort to minimize our negative impact on planet Earth, course materials will only be available online for download at **www.protectdupage.org** beginning approximately one week before the seminar. Course materials that are not available prior to the seminar will be placed on the website the week following the event. In lieu of handouts, every conference participant will receive a zippered portfolio and pen for note taking.

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how deep and fast
the water is?

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Protection Through Preparedness

**ADVANCED SEVERE WEATHER
2008 TRAINING PROGRAMS
REGISTRATION FORM**

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME:
STREET ADDRESS:
CITY, STATE, ZIP:
DAYTIME PHONE:
AGENCY:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:

CHECK THE COURSE(S) YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR:

	COURSE NAME	Early Registration Post Marked <u>Prior To</u> February 29, 2008	Registration Post Marked <u>On Or After</u> February 29, 2008, Or At The Door
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	<i>TORNADO SHELTER SEMINAR – MARCH 14, 2008</i>	\$30.00	\$40.00
	<i>ADVANCED SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER SEMINAR - MARCH 15, 2008</i>	\$30.00	\$40.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
DuPage County Emergency Management Volunteers Association (DCEMVA)

MAIL REGISTRATIONS TO:
Weather Seminar
DuPage County Emergency Management Volunteers Association
P.O. Box 179
Winfield, IL 60190

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
DuPage County OEM
630-682-7925

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