

Advanced Severe Weather Training Programs



Putting it all together

***Your role in your community's
severe weather program***

***Friday and Saturday
March 5 and 6, 2004***

***Sponsored by
DuPage County
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management***

***In cooperation with the
National Weather Service***

PROGRAM OVERVIEW 2004

WHAT'S SPECIAL FOR 2004?

This year, each program will include a short presentation on the Homeland Security program and what you can do to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This program was designed to meet the educational needs of those persons and agencies involved in preparing for and spotting severe weather events.

The **Tornado Shelter Workshop** is specifically geared for emergency planners, business and industry owners, operators, and managers, school principals, hospital and nursing home facility managers, and much more.

The **Advanced Weather Spotter Training** is geared for those individuals who will be 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 Spotters Workshop will train the spotter in methods to detect, properly identify, and report approaching storms and tornadoes.

FRIDAY MARCH 5, 2004 TORNADO SHELTER WORKSHOP

The Tornado Shelter Workshop will be held on Friday March 5, 2004 from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm

Workshop highlights include:

- * Introduction to severe weather
- * Update on the National Weather Service and their role in severe weather warning
- * Overview of the severe weather warning system
- * 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

The primary speaker for this workshop will be James Abernethy Professor of Architecture at Lawrence Technical University in Southfield Michigan, who wrote the guidance materials for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2004 ADVANCED WEATHER SPOTTER WORKSHOP

The Advanced Weather Spotter Training will be held on Saturday March 6 from 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM.

The Spotter Workshop is designed to provide more information needed by weather spotters to identify and accurately report the formation of severe weather events. Highlights include:

- * Review of Basic Spotter concepts
- * Formation of severe weather
- * Identifying cloud formations that produce funnel clouds and tornadoes
- * Other severe weather phenomena
- * The role of amateur radio in reporting severe weather

Severe weather and tornado video will be used to describe what the spotter may see in the field.

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 a basic weather spotter level training. Completion of a basic weather spotter training course prior to attending this program is not required but is recommended.

This workshop will be conducted jointly by the National Weather Service - Chicago / Romeoville forecast office, DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Weather Office of the College of DuPage.

LOCATION

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

The **Tornado Shelter Workshop** will be held in the Billy Graham Center – Barrows Auditorium.

The **Advanced Weather Spotters Workshop** will be held in Edman Chapel.

Directions to the campus from I-88 (East-West Tollroad):

- * Exit at Naperville Road northbound.
- * Go north on Naperville Road to Rt. 38 (Roosevelt Road) in Wheaton – approximately 3 miles.
- * Turn east (right) on to 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 will be forwarded to all registered participants as part of the confirmation letter, which will be mailed approximately 1 week prior to the program.

Although these seminars are held at Wheaton College, this is not a function of Wheaton College.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration fee for the **Tornado Shelter Workshop** is **\$30.00**, which includes all handout materials, coffee, rolls, and lunch.

The registration fee for the **Advanced Weather Spotters Workshop** is **\$30.00**, which includes all handout materials, coffee, rolls, and lunch.

EARLY REGISTRATION SPECIAL

Persons with registrations post-marked prior to the registration cut-off date of Monday February 23 2004, receive a special early registration discount, as shown below:

Communications Workshop \$20.00
Advanced Spotters Workshop \$20.00

Registrations postmarked after the cut-off date or walk-in registrations at the door will be assessed the full registration fee of \$30.00. Handout materials and meals are not guaranteed for late registrations.

A confirmation letter will be mailed to each participant registered for the conference approximately 1 week prior to the program. This letter will include a detailed map of the campus and directions to program areas and parking.

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 prior to the cut-off date (February 23, 2004) will receive a full refund. Refunds will not be possible for cancellations received after the cut-off date as materials and food will have already been ordered.

LODGING INFORMATION

The DuPage County 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.

**ADVANCED SEVERE WEATHER
TRAINING PROGRAMS
REGISTRATION FORM 2004**

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CHECK THE COURSE YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR:

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	<i>TORNADO SHELTER WORKSHOP</i>	\$20.00	\$30.00
	<i>ADVANCED SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER WORKSHOP</i>	\$20.00	\$30.00

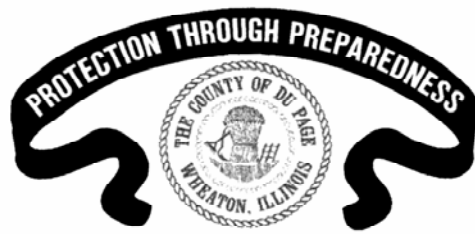
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
DuPage County Emergency Management Volunteers Association

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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