

# SKYWARN 2017



**Skywarn** is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and by encouraging the widest possible participation in tornado warning programs. There is no way to stop tornadoes, and not all tornadoes show up on radar, but they can be seen. Lives can be saved. Only one instrument can detect a tornado or funnel with complete certainty, the human eye.

**Skywarn training** sessions are held to train individuals on how to accurately observe such weather phenomena as floods, hail, wind and its associated damage, cloud features that lead to tornadoes, and those cloud features that do not lead to tornadoes. The class covers what information to report and how to report it. Basic severe weather safety is also covered. Classes are **FREE** and last 1.5 hours. While new technological and scientific tools have advanced the National Weather Service (NWS) capability to predict severe weather, the trained spotter remains essential to the NWS warning process. The more trained “eyes” we have in the field during a severe weather event, the better our service to you and the public will be. More concern, more spotters, more eyes are needed. Lend us yours - learn **SKYWARN!**

## SPOTTER TRAINING CLASSES

<b>Wednesday, March 1</b> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Oakland County Homeland Security Division</b> Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
<b>Saturday, March 18</b> 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Oakland County Homeland Security Division</b> Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
<b>Saturday, March 18</b> 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>Oakland County Homeland Security Division</b> Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>The Charter Township of Commerce Township</b> 2009 Township Drive, Commerce Township, 48390
<b>Thursday, April 6</b> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Karl Richter Campus Community Center</b> 300 East Street, Holly, 48442
<b>Monday, April 10</b> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Orion Center</b> 1335 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion, 48360
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b> 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	<b>Southfield Public Library</b> 26300 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, 48076

All interested parties (i.e. fire, police, EMS, security, volunteers, and citizens) are encouraged to attend.

The **Oakland County Homeland Security Division** coordinates this program.  
Limited space is available, so make your reservations now!



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