

SKYWARN

2012 CLASS SCHEDULE



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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 gives an individual the basic tools needed to be a severe weather spotter. Starting with a blue sky, individuals are taught the basics of thunderstorm development, storm structure, what features to look for and where to find them. The class covers what information to report and how to report it. Basic severe weather safety is also covered. Classes are **FREE** and typically last two 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. It goes without saying that 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

Monday	March 5	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Southfield Civic Center Library
Thursday	March 15	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Rochester Hills Fire Department, Station #1
Monday	March 19	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Groveland Township Fire Department, Station #1
Saturday	April 14	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Oakland County Homeland Security Division (EOB 41W)
Saturday	April 14	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Oakland County Homeland Security Division (EOB 41W)
Monday	April 30	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Costick Center, Farmington Hills
Wednesday	May 2	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Oakland County Homeland Security Division (EOB 41W)

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!

Please call (248) 858-5300 to register or send an email to ocem@oakgov.com

Please include date of class, name, address and phone number.

