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SEVERE WEATHER/TORNADO SPOTTER'S CLASSES TO BE HELD

On April 3rd and April 22nd, Kenosha County Emergency Management will sponsor a Beginner's and an Advance class on Severe Weather/Tornado Spotting. "The classes are FREE and the public is highly encouraged to attend to learn more about severe weather, how it is formed and how it affects them," Stated Ben Schliesman, Director, Kenosha County Emergency Management/Homeland Security. Law enforcement, fire, EMS, public works and amateur radio operators are especially encouraged to attend.

"Trained Tornado Spotters are the eyes and ears of the National Weather Service. Tornado Spotters provide critical information during severe weather, to the County and the National Weather Service," said Schliesman. "These two classes build upon each other and will inform citizens what they need to know to identify potential hazardous weather. Whether people want to be a trained Tornado Spotter or just become more knowledgeable about severe weather and tornados, these two classes are extremely informative."

The April 3rd class is a Beginner's Severe Weather/Tornado Spotter's class and will cover basic meteorology, including how tornadoes form, tornado spotting tips and reporting procedures. The April 22nd class is an Advanced Severe Weather/Tornado Spotter's class and will cover such things as thunderstorm types and thunderstorm development, wall clouds, tornado classifications and variations, and a tornado's life cycle. Kenosha County is one of only two SE WI Counties to offer the Advance Severe Weather/Tornado Spotter's Class. The Beginner's Tornado Spotter's Class taken anytime in the past, is a prerequisite to taking the Advance Class.

Both classes will be held at the Kenosha County Center, Highways 45 & 50 in Bristol. They are both FREE, are two hours in length and start at 6:30 p.m. "With the January Tornadoes that recently struck Kenosha County, we are expecting a larger than normal turnout," stated Schliesman. "People are now much more aware that Tornadoes and severe weather can strike Kenosha County anytime of the year."

To register for the April 3rd and/or the April 22nd class, please RSVP no later than March 31, to Kenosha County Emergency Management at 262-605-7900 with your name,

phone number (in case of cancellation) and how many will be attending, so as to assure enough handouts and seating.

The Severe Weather/Tornado Spotter Classes are co-sponsored by Kenosha County Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, and the Milwaukee Area Skywarn Association.