



CINCINNATI-HAMILTON COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY



Spotter/ Weather Safety Training

Sponsor: Cincinnati-Hamilton County Homeland Security
National Weather Service

Where: Grove Banquet Hall
9158 Winton Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

Anderson Center
7850 Five Mile Road
Cincinnati, OH 45230

When: February 24, 2016
6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

March 1, 2016
6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Who Should Attend:

- Radio Operators
- Emergency Management
- Public Safety Officials
- Concerned Citizens



Course Description:

SKYWARN® is a national Weather Service (NWS) program developed in the 1960's that consists of trained weather spotters who provide reports of severe and hazardous weather to help meteorologists make life-saving warning decisions. Spotters are concerned citizens, amateur radio operators, truck drivers, mariners, airplane pilots, emergency management personnel, and public safety officials who volunteer their time and energy to report on hazardous weather impacting their community.

Although NWS has access to data from Doppler radar, satellite, and surface weather stations, technology cannot detect every instance of hazardous weather. Spotters help fill in the gaps by reporting hail, wind damage, flooding, heavy snow, tornadoes and waterspouts. Radar is an excellent tool, but it is just that: one tool among many that NWS uses. We need spotters to report how storms and other hydrometeorological phenomena are impacting their area.

SKYWARN® spotter reports provide vital 'ground truth' to the NWS. They act as the eyes and ears in the field. Spotter reports help our meteorologists issue timely, accurate, and detailed warnings by confirming hazardous weather detected by NWS radar. Spotters also provide critical verification information that helps improve future warning services. SKYWARN® Spotters serve their local communities by acting as a vital source of information when dangerous storms approach. Without spotters, NWS would be less able to fulfill its mission of protecting life and property.

Prerequisites & Course Fees: None

Registration: <http://goo.gl/forms/dwgkMMePAU>

Questions may be directed to Barry Webb, Training Coordinator, at 513.263.8059