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## **MEDIA RELEASE Severe Weather Spotters Classes**

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## **Severe Weather Spotter Classes**

Dane County Emergency Management is announcing “Severe Weather Spotter” classes open to the general public FREE OF CHARGE. These classes are designed to **educate** participants about **severe weather “clues”** and **familiarize** them with **where and how to use such information**. As recent, local history shows, severe weather can strike anywhere and at any time. Local residents can attest, preparation for tornados, flooding, high winds and heavy rains saves lives and property.

All classes are taught by meteorologists from the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Sullivan, WI. *Spotters* can provide the “ground truth” that cannot be seen by weather monitoring equipment. You do not have to be or commit to being a *Spotter* to attend the class.

Classes are available across Southwest Wisconsin throughout the spring. More information regarding the classes and a schedule for SW Wisconsin can be found at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mkx> near the top of the web page under *Top News of the Day*.

In Dane County, there are four “Spotters” classes scheduled for this spring:

**TH, March 24, 2011 – 6:30-8:30 PM – Mt. Horeb High School Fine Arts Center (Basic)**  
**305 S. Eighth St., Mt. Horeb, WI 53572**

**TU, March 29, 2011 – 6:30-8:30 PM – Glacial Drumlin School (Basic)**  
**801 Damascus Trail, Cottage Grove, WI 53527**

**WE, April 6, 2011 – Sun Prairie Public Library**  
**1:00-3:00 PM – BASIC**  
**6:30-8:30 PM – ADVANCED CLASS**  
**1350 Linnerud Dr., Sun Prairie, WI 53590**

Seating is “first come, first serve.” All of these classes have filled to capacity in previous years so please plan to arrive at least ten minutes prior to the class starting time.

Please contact J. McLellan (267-2542 or [mclellan@countyofdane.com](mailto:mclellan@countyofdane.com)) of Dane County Emergency Management with any questions.

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