

2011 Skywarn Class

Learn how to accurately observe such weather phenomena's as tornadoes, wall clouds, funnel clouds and shelf clouds.

Hosted by

Lapeer County Office of Emergency Management
Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association
Lapeer County CERT Team

Taught by the

National Weather Service – White Lake Office

Thursday, March 31, 2011

7:00 P.M.

at

LAPEER EAST HIGH SCHOOL

933 South Saginaw Street, Lapeer

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Pre-Registration held February 1st – March 15th at

<http://www.lapeercountyemd.org/skywarn.htm>

Skywarn Training

- Skywarn spotter training sessions are held to train individuals on how to accurately observe such weather phenomena as wall clouds, funnel clouds, tornadoes, shelf clouds associated with squall lines, and clouds that resemble funnel clouds and tornadoes but really aren't.
- In addition, topics covered during Skywarn training are:
 - the role of the spotter, the NWS and emergency services;
 - a recap of significant weather events during 2010;
 - the necessary atmospheric conditions for thunderstorm development;
 - tornadoes;
 - severe weather safety tips;
 - severe weather terms used in National Weather Service products;
 - what to report to the National Weather Service; and,
 - how to report information to the National Weather Service.
- Skywarn training presentations usually last around two hours, with a scheduled break included.
- Skywarn spotters are essential to the National Weather Service, law enforcement and fire officials, and emergency managers. Among other things, spotters:
 - provide valuable information on the severity of thunderstorms;
 - allow downstream communities to understand the severity of thunderstorms moving toward them; and,
 - allow the National Weather Service to gather information which helps verify the warnings it issues.
- Those who volunteer to be Skywarn spotters offer a valuable service. At a minimum, it is asked that Skywarn volunteers review procedures by attending a Skywarn spotter training session every two years.
- Spotter training is open to members of the general public, law enforcement, fire officials, and amateur radio operators, among others. We look forward to your participation in Skywarn!