

ADVANCED SEVERE WEATHER TRAINING PROGRAMS

***A LOOK AT EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS:
PLANNING, TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING FOR
SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES & SPOTTERS***



**Friday and Saturday
March 13 and 14, 2009**

**Sponsored by
DuPage County
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

**In cooperation with the
National Weather Service - Chicago
and College of DuPage Nexlab**

2009 ADVANCED WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Join us for the 18th annual Advanced Severe Weather Seminar. The 2009 Advanced Severe Weather Seminar will offer two unique programs designed to meet the educational needs of those persons and agencies involved in preparing for and spotting severe weather events.

The **Severe Weather Preparedness Seminar** is specifically geared for emergency planners, business and industry owners, operators and managers, school administrators, hospital and nursing home managers, and many more.

The **Advanced Weather Spotter Seminar** is geared to those individuals who will be on the front line of the weather warning system, including spotters, amateur radio operators, emergency management personnel, police, fire, public works and utility workers.

Attendees will acquire a broader understanding of the severe weather phenomenon and its effects on the community. Detailed information provided as part of the advanced spotter's seminar will train the spotter in methods to detect, properly identify, and report approaching storms and tornadoes.

FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2009 SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

The Severe Weather Preparedness Seminar will be held on Friday, March 13, 2009, from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Seminar highlights include:

- Severe weather preparedness for schools
- National Weather Service StormReady program for schools and businesses
- Large venue and higher education considerations
- Lightning safety
- Emergency planning

Presentations will be made by experts in their field representing the National Weather Service, University of Illinois at Chicago, Northern Illinois University and others.

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2009 ADVANCED WEATHER SPOTTER SEMINAR

The Advanced Weather Spotter Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2009, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The emcee for this event will be Amy Freeze who is the Chief Meteorologist at Fox News Chicago. She is one of a few

women in the world with a **Certified Broadcast Meteorology** accreditation from the American Meteorological Society.

Ms. Freeze has Seals of Approval from both the *AMS and National Weather Association* and is a two-time Emmy winner for Best Weathercaster and Outstanding Host.

The Advanced Spotter Seminar is designed to provide advanced information needed by weather spotters to identify and accurately report the formation of severe weather events. Scheduled highlights include:

- A typical day in severe weather
- Basic radar fundamentals
- Storm spotters / chasers first response
- Devastating severe weather events in 2008
- Emerging technologies
- Raffle prizes
- And much more

After a 10-year absence, Albert Pietrycha from the National Weather Service in Goodland, Kansas, will present the latest information on *Storm Evolution and Structure through Observations and Radar Data*.

A speakers' forum will conclude the session where participants will be able to pose questions to the panel of experts about current weather-related topics.

Terms and concepts discussed in this seminar presuppose that participants have completed basic weather spotter level training. Completion of a basic weather spotter training course prior to attending this program is not required but is recommended. Check out the National Weather Service Chicago website at www.weather.gov/lot for basic spotter courses in your area.

This seminar is conducted jointly by the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the National Weather Service – Chicago Forecast Office, and College of DuPage Next Generation Weather Lab (Nexlab).

SEMINAR LOCATION

Both seminars will be held on the campus of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, at the following venues:

Billy Graham Center - Barrows Auditorium – March 13
Severe Weather Preparedness Seminar

Todd M. Beamer Student Center-
Coray Alumni Event Room* – March 14
Advanced Weather Spotter Seminar

*This facility offers easier building access for attendees and is located in the same building as the cafeteria.

**THIS IS NOT A FUNCTION OF
WHEATON COLLEGE.**

Directions to the campus from I-88 (Ronald Reagan Tollroad)

- Exit at Naperville Road northbound
- Go north on Naperville Road to Route 38 (Roosevelt Road) in Wheaton – approximately 3 miles
- Turn east (right) onto Roosevelt Road
- Go 1 block to Washington Street
- Turn north (left) onto Washington Street
- The campus is about ¼ mile north on Washington Street

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Seminar registration fees are listed below:

- **Severe Weather Preparedness Seminar - \$40.00**
- **Advanced Weather Spotter Seminar - \$40.00**

Registration fees include a portfolio and pen for notes, coffee, rolls, snacks, and lunch.

EARLY REGISTRATION SPECIAL

Participants with registrations submitted online or post marked **prior to** the registration cut-off date of Friday, February 27, 2009, receive a special early registration discount, as shown below:

- **Severe Weather Preparedness Seminar - \$30.00**
- **Advanced Spotter Seminar - \$30.00**

Registrations **submitted online or post marked** on or after the cut-off date or **walk-in registrations** at the door will be assessed the full registration fee of \$40.00. Materials and meals are not guaranteed for late registrations.

Registration Options

1. Online registration and payment is available at <http://dupagesevereweather.com>.
2. Mail-in registration and payment by check will also be accepted.

A registration confirmation package will be e-mailed to you (if an e-mail address was provided) or sent via USPS shortly after payment has been received. This package will include a detailed map of the campus and directions to program areas and parking.

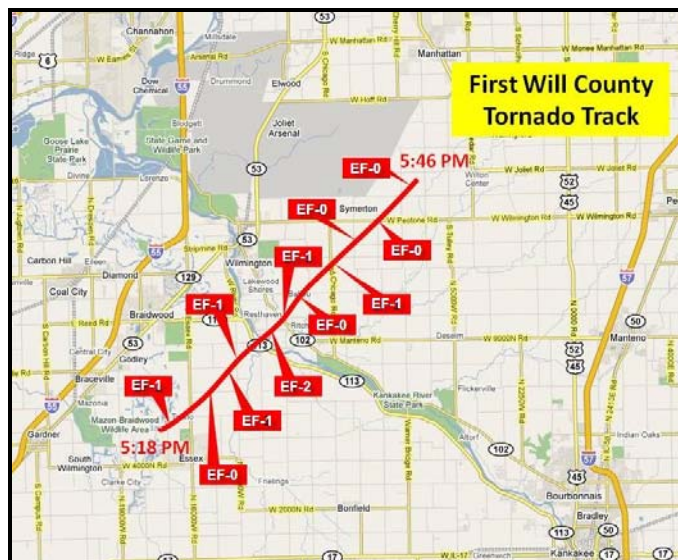
If overnight lodging is needed, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has developed a listing of area motels / hotels. If you desire this information, please call the DuPage County EOC at (630) 682-7925 or send an e-mail to oem@dupageco.org and we will be happy to forward this information to you.

REFUND POLICY

Pre-registered individuals who find it necessary to cancel must contact the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at (630) 682-7925 as soon as possible. Cancellations received **prior to** Friday, February 27, 2009, will receive a full refund. Refunds will not be possible for cancellations received after the cut-off date as materials and food will already have been ordered.

GOING "GREEN"

A new website has been created to support the 2009 Advanced Severe Weather Training Programs. Visit <http://dupagesevereweather.com> for online registration, payment and download of available course references and materials. For those who prefer, traditional mail-in registration will also be accepted. In an effort to minimize our negative impact on planet Earth, course materials will only be available online for download and will be posted as soon as they become available. Course materials that are not available prior to the seminar will be placed on the website when they become available.



June 7, 2008 Tornado