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## Madison Co OEM/NWS Offers SkyWarn Spotter Training

**Wampsville, NY** - Madison County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the National Weather Service (NWS) will be delivering an advanced SKYWARN Spotter Course April 4, 2019 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM at the Cazenovia Public Library.

The course objective is to train storm spotters about severe weather and what to report to the National Weather Service (NWS) and Emergency Management relating to thunderstorms, tornados, hail and lightning. Previous attendance at the Basic SkyWarn course is suggested, but not required.

During the course individuals will learn about SKYWARN and its goal, the NWS mission and the importance of spotters and ground truth reports. Attendees will also see examples of how spotters can help forecasters warn the public; thunderstorm hazards, thunderstorm ingredients, downbursts, supercells, tornados, hail squall lines, bow echoes, derechos and lightning, sever weather safety and terminology, how to get sever weather information and procedures for reporting severe weather to the NWS.

SKYWARN spotters are independent of any government agency and are not by definition "Storm Chasers".

Individuals who are interested in becoming SKYWARN weather spotters and feeding valuable information to the National Weather Service should attend. The class is free and open to everyone; no age requirements or previous training is required. To register go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHqD7OyX9VKmNdd5wwpORWSqLmTrtzExQNwcyWF1qq23r-IQ/viewform>

For more information: [www.weather.gov/bgm](http://www.weather.gov/bgm). If you have questions, please email [EM@madisoncounty.ny.gov](mailto:EM@madisoncounty.ny.gov) or call 315-366-2789.

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