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STORM SPOTTERS NEEDED IN JEFFERSON PARISH

Jefferson Parish Emergency Management will sponsor a citizen storm spotter class presented by the National Weather Service (NWS) on Monday, November 16, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the East Bank Regional Library, Napoleon Room B, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue in Metairie.

The class will last approximately 90 minutes. The class will cover what the National Weather Service does, what to look for as storms approach an area, and who to call when severe weather strikes.

The National Weather Service needs real time reports of hail size, wind damage, flash flooding, heavy rain, and tornado development, in order to warn the public effectively.

SKYWARN is a voluntary program developed by the National Weather Service in which volunteers serve as storm spotters for the National Weather Service and local emergency management programs.

The National Weather Service needs real time reports of hail size, wind damage, flash flooding, heavy rain, and tornado development in order to warn the public effectively. Even as new technology allows the National Weather Service to issue warnings with more lead-time, spotters will always be needed as links between radar indications of severe weather and ground truth information.

This is Jefferson Parish’s attempt to have many trained people throughout the Parish in order to be deemed a “Storm Ready Community.” This will be the second of several classes. For more information, contact Kenneth Padgett, Director of Emergency Management at 349-5360.

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