



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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Pompano Beach Fire Rescue Offers Free Storm Spotter Program
Pompano Beach Commission Chambers
100 West Atlantic Boulevard
Monday, April 8th
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Become an official National Weather Service Skywarn Spotter! Pompano Beach Fire Rescue is hosting a free SKYWARN Storm Spotter Program. SKYWARN® is a volunteer program with between 350,000 and 400,000 trained severe weather spotters. Volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

Pompano Beach Fire Rescue is hosting the free SKYWARN class on Monday, April 8th in conjunction with the National Weather Service. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. and lasts until 8:30 p.m.

In most years, thunderstorms, tornadoes and lightning caused hundreds of injuries and deaths and billions in property and crop damages. To obtain critical weather information, the National Weather Service (NWS) established SKYWARN® with partner organizations. The NWS needs real-time reports of hail size, wind damage, flash flooding, heavy rain, tornadoes, and waterspouts to effectively warn the public of inclement weather.

The class gives participants a general overview of the types of severe weather experienced, the importance of the SKYWARN® Spotters, how to report severe weather to their local NWS office and the role of Amateur Radio in the Spotter Program. After taking the course, citizens will be provided a spotter number via email with a printable spotter card attached.

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN® spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods. SKYWARN® storm spotters are citizens who form the nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time--seconds and minutes that can help save lives.

To register for this free class email krystal.aaron@copbfl.com.