



Training Announcement from your National Weather Service (NWS) and Ada City-County Emergency Management

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THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND A SEVERE WEATHER TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR ADA COUNTY

When: June 10, 2009 from 6:30-8:30 PM

Where: Boise, ID

The community is invited to attend a Severe Weather Spotter Training Workshop co-sponsored by Ada City-County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service (NWS). The training session is slated for June 10, 2009 in the **Vernon L. Bisterfeldt Public Safety Building Training Auditorium/Emergency Operations Center, located at 7200 Barrister Drive in Boise, Idaho.** The session will last about 2 hours beginning at 6:30 pm.

Everyone is invited. If you are a current weather spotter, firefighter, law enforcement specialist, land management employee, emergency services technician, transportation operator, outdoor recreationalist, or just purely a weather enthusiast, this training workshop is for you.

Training will include definitions and climatology of severe weather, training on cloud and storm recognition, storm hazards and safety tips, and weather reporting procedures.

Across Ada County, 128 volunteer weather spotters and cooperative observers provide valuable weather information which is fundamental in helping the NWS protect lives and property. However, in this populated of an area, 128 is not enough. Forecasts are often based on observer data, and even warnings for severe weather have been issued based on information received from trained volunteer spotters, cooperative observers and/or relayed by a HAM operator.

For more information about the NWS spotter program, please see our local office Web page at <http://www.weather.gov/boise/> or our national severe weather awareness Web page at: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/index.shtml>.

Please bring a friend, relative or other interested weather enthusiasts. We look forward to seeing you at the training session. If you have questions, **please call Paul (Crash) Marusich** [Ada City-County Emergency Management] at (208) 577-4750, or **Paul Flatt and/or Dawn Fishler** [National Weather Service] (208) 334-9861.