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Free Skywarn Storm Spotter class February 13, pre-registration required

February 1, 2023 – Flagler County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will host a free Skywarn Storm Spotter webinar class at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 13, at the county's Emergency Services Building. It will serve as the kickoff to Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week, which runs through February 17.

Kip Bricker, meteorologist with the National Weather Service, will teach the class. It will provide attendees the knowledge to become a part of a nationwide network of volunteers who support local emergency management and the National Weather Service by recognizing and reporting severe weather.

"It is so important for our community to have well-trained volunteers, because it helps improve weather reports and allows us to better prepare and protect our community," said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. "The class takes less than 2 hours to complete."

Students will learn about storm formation and structure, and how to identify and report severe weather.

Registration is required, and can be done by visiting <u>www.FlaglerCounty.gov/emergency</u> and selecting Volunteering and Training from the menu and go to the <u>Skywarn</u> link, or by calling 386-313-4200 during normal business hours.

Emergency Management encourages residents to stay informed about significant weather and other emergencies by signing up for ALERTFlagler at <u>http://www.FlaglerCounty.gov/ALERTFlagler</u>.

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