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PRESS RELEASE

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SKYWARN TRAINING
Marlborough Mass – July 30, 2011**

The National Weather Service (NWS) will be sponsoring a severe weather spotter training session, part of its SKYWARN program, in Marlborough Massachusetts. The class will be on Saturday July 30th, 2011 from 10 AM to approximately 1 PM. It will be held at the Marlborough Central Fire Department, 215 Maple Street (Route 85), in Marlborough MA.

The session is open to the public at no charge. Amateur Radio Operators are encouraged to attend. Also, Emergency managers, police, fire, and other first responders are also encouraged to attend. Everyone age 16 and older who stays to complete the training will be able to become trained NWS weather spotters.

The training session includes a two-hour thirty-minute computer-based presentation, which discusses the development of thunderstorms, the criteria for “severe” thunderstorms, as well as the cloud features associated with severe thunderstorms and tornados. Additional information will be presented about winter storms and proper snow measurement. The session will also present the procedure for reporting weather information to the National Weather Service. Anyone attending should bring a pen or pencil and bringing a notebook is optional.

No pre-registration is required for this training session.