

# Tornado season

## Oakland trains volunteer spotters

Oakland County is training volunteers to be certified tornado spotters. The program is called "Skywarn," and training starts next week, said Paul Phelps, manager of the EMS emergency service.

"Technology is heavily relied upon for tornado detection," said Phelps. "But when it comes right down to an actual emergency, confirmation of a tornado sighting by a reliable field spotter is the most important link in the early warning system."

The training is being conducted next week during Tornado Safety Week.

ONE TWO-HOUR training session is enough. You can become a volunteer spotter and receive an identification number to use when reporting a tornado. Training will be offered:

- March 23 and 27 — 10 a.m. and

1 p.m. in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners auditorium, the round building in the complex at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

• March 24 — 7:30 p.m. in Milford High School, 2380 Milford Road. Co-host is the Milford Amateur Radio Club.

Space is limited. Pre-register by calling the county EMS office at 858-5300 in Pontiac.

**TORNADO SAFETY** became a county priority after a 1978 tornado hop-skipped across Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield, among other points.

Western Oakland appears to lie in a path often taken across southern Michigan by severe storms. Michigan averages 17 tornadoes a year. Oakland's tornado warning sirens will sound at 1 p.m. March 28.

There are two kinds of messages

that county or other officials may issue:

• **Tornado watch** — conditions are right for a tornado. Be prepared to take shelter and keep informed on weather conditions.

• **Tornado warning** — a tornado actually has been sighted and confirmed. Take cover immediately.

When taking shelter, bring a flashlight and transistor radio with you. Go to the center of your basement and take cover under a workbench or heavy table.

If your house lacks a basement, seek shelter in the center of the house in a closet or room with no windows. Never go near windows when a tornado threatens.

If you're in a mobile home or car, leave immediately and take cover under the nearest permanent structure or lie flat on the ground in the nearest ditch or ravine. Protect your head and body by covering yourself

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