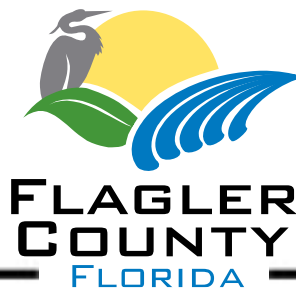


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Free Skywarn Storm Spotter class January 31

January 10, 2018 – Flagler County Emergency Services and the National Weather Service will host a free Skywarn Storm Spotter class on January 31 at the Emergency Operations Center.

Angie Enyedi, assistant warning and coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service, will teach the class. It will cover everything from cloud formations to thunderstorm development to visual predictions.



Those who participate in the class – which begins at 6 p.m. January 31 (a Wednesday) – are eligible to become volunteer storm spotters and assist Emergency Services and the National Weather Service by reporting potentially hazardous weather events.

While warnings for thunderstorms are only issued for hail and high winds, lightning is part of all storms and is the cause of more deaths in the United States than tornadoes and hurricanes, according to the National Weather Service. Additionally, Flagler County is located within the gap of the nearest Doppler radar towers.

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“Trained storm spotters serve as the local eyes of the National Weather Service,” said Bob Pickering, Flagler County Emergency Management Technician. “These reports from storm spotters mean that earlier warnings may be issued. This helps everyone in Flagler County.”

Storm spotter classes are scheduled based on the limited availability of meteorologists with the National Weather Service to come teach the class.

Find out more about the [Skywarn Storm Spotters Program](#) at flaglercounty.org under the “Webcams and Weather” tab. Also, watch [The Scud Buster Diaries](#) under the same tab.

Registration is required, and can be done by calling Pickering at 386-313-4250, or by email at bpickering@flaglercounty.org.

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