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## **Free class to train residents in spotting, reporting severe weather**

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Local residents with an interest in weather who would like to help contribute to reporting vital storm information will soon have the opportunity to get involved in an important national program.

The National Weather Service SKYWARN Flood Class will take place on Tuesday, March 10, during Flood Awareness Week. The class is a partnership between the Harrisonburg Fire Department and Rockingham County Department of Fire & Rescue, and will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Rockingham County Fire & Rescue, 20 E. Gay St. in Harrisonburg.

SKYWARN is a volunteer program that has between 350,000 and 400,000 volunteers across the country helping the National Weather Service provide timely and accurate reports of severe weather. The free class will help participants to understand thunderstorms, identify potential severe weather features and learn how to report the information. The United States experiences more than 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods, and more than 1,000 tornadoes every year.

Visit [www.weather.gov/lwx/skywarn](http://www.weather.gov/lwx/skywarn) to register for the class. More information on Flood Awareness Week can be found at [www.dcr.virginia.gov/floodawarenessweek](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/floodawarenessweek).

**The Harrisonburg Fire Department** is an ISO-Class II All-Hazards agency providing essential emergency and non-emergency life safety services to the public who live, work and travel in Harrisonburg. More information about the Fire Department is available on-line at [www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire](http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire) or on Facebook®, Twitter® and Instagram®.

**The City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).



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