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SKYWARN® Severe Weather Training Hosted by Morton County

Mandan, N.D. – The National Weather Service (NWS) and Morton County Emergency Manager will host a free severe weather seminar at 7pm CDT Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Mandan Rural Fire Department, located at 3014 34th Street NW in Mandan. The SKYWARN seminar is open to the public to provide an opportunity to learn more about severe weather in this area with an option to become an official SKYWARN® weather spotter for the NWS.

Through captivating photos and video, the interactive seminar will cover thunderstorm formation and hazards, flash floods, tornadoes, lightning, wind and hail, and how to prepare in order to stay safe. Participants will also learn the important differences between watches and warnings and the proper way to report severe weather to the NWS. Anyone desiring to become a SKYWARN spotter must complete a form provided at the seminar.

No registration is necessary and the session will last about 1 hour, 45 minutes.

Information provided by SKYWARN spotters is used along with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data to enable NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods. These storm spotters are a key part of the area's first line of defense against severe weather that can help save lives.

For more information, go to <http://www.weather.gov/bis/skytrain>.

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