

## FCEM&HS Newsletter

National Severe Weather Preparedness Week is March 1-7

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### Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week March 1-7

With the spring season comes the possibility of hazardous weather including flooding, severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. To raise awareness about these hazards, FCEM&HS will recognize **Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week March 1 –7, 2015**. Planning ahead, knowing how to communicate, organizing a disaster kit and practicing safety drills are key to handling fast developing spring storms and minimizing injury and property damage. **Clear Channel Outdoor**, an emergency partner of FCEM&HS, will display weather-safety billboard messages to thousands of Central Ohio motorists. Click [here](#) for more information and preparedness tips on these spring hazards and additional risks for Franklin County.

### Annual Statewide Tornado Drill is March 4th at 9:50 a.m.

FCEM&HS encourages the community to participate in the annual **Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4**, when the Franklin County Outdoor Warning Siren system will be activated. The sirens will be activated one time for three minutes – a longer tone than in the regular Wednesday noon tests. Franklin County experiences more tornadoes than any other county in Ohio. Designing and exercising a tornado safety plan for your home or establishment will help you respond safely in a real event. Area schools, businesses and agencies are urged to participate and complete an [online survey](#) about their participation. For more information visit [www.fcemhs.org](http://www.fcemhs.org)

### NWS Annual Severe Weather Spotter Training March 7th

The National Weather Service (NWS) depends in part on eyewitness information from citizens, public safety and emergency management personnel trained to recognize and report potentially life-threatening severe weather conditions. FCEM&HS and The Ohio State University Emergency Management will co-sponsor the annual **Severe Weather Spotter Seminar by NWS** on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9 am to 1 pm at The Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Citizens can register the day of the training. Visit [www.fcemhs.org](http://www.fcemhs.org) for more information.

### National Flood Safety Awareness Week March 16th-20th

Flooding continues to be a significant weather-related hazard in Central Ohio and can be deceptively dangerous. During **National Flood Safety Awareness Week**, FCEM&HS reminds residents to never attempt to drive or walk through flood waters. The best protection during a flood is to leave the area and seek shelter on higher ground. [Click here](#) for more information on flooding and flood safety tips.

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