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## Press Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **National Weather Service to host Storm Spotter Training Program in Saline County on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Saline County, AR – The National Weather Service in Little Rock and Saline County want to help you prepare for the 2018 severe weather season. To help get you ready, the National Weather Service will be offering a SKYWARN storm spotter training program on **Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The program will be held at Saline Memorial Hospital at 1 Medical Park Drive, Benton AR,** and is held in partnership with Saline County Emergency Management.

The 2018 program will discuss thunderstorm formation, ingredients, and teaches storm spotters how to identify the most dangerous part of a thunderstorm visually. Most importantly, we will discuss what you can do to keep you and your family safe when dangerous thunderstorms threaten your community. The presentation will be in multimedia format, featuring numerous new pictures of storms, as well as new video from recent severe storm seasons.

**This class is free of charge and no pre-registration is necessary.** This class is intended for official storm spotters as well as anyone with an interest in learning more about severe weather. This is a part of an area-wide severe weather preparedness campaign, which will include spotter training sessions across all interested counties in Greater Arkansas. “By attending this class, you will learn how to identify dangerous storms by sight, and learn how to communicate that information to help keep the people in your community safe” said Dennis Cavanaugh, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Little Rock.

For more information, visit your local NWS website at [www.weather.gov/LZK](http://www.weather.gov/LZK) or contact the Saline County Office of Emergency Management at (501) 303-5649.

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