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## **Severe Weather Spotter Classes**

Dane County Emergency Management is announcing "Severe Weather Spotter" classes open to the general public **FREE OF CHARGE**. These classes are designed to **educate** participants about **severe weather "clues"** and **familiarize** them with **where and how to use such information**. As recent, local history shows, severe weather can strike anywhere and at any time. As local residents can attest, preparation for tornados, flooding, high winds and heavy rains saves lives and property.

All classes are taught by Rusty Kapela from the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Sullivan, WI. *Spotters* can provide the "ground truth" that cannot be seen by weather monitoring equipment. You do not have to be or commit to being a *Spotter* to attend the class.

Classes will be available across Southwest Wisconsin throughout the spring. More information regarding the classes and a schedule for SW Wisconsin can be found at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mkx> near the top of the web page under *Top News of the Day*. In **Dane County**, there are four "Spotters" classes scheduled for this spring:

**TH, March 18, 2010 – 6:30-8:30 PM – Verona Senior Center (Basic)**

108 Paoli St., Verona, WI 53593

Contact: VFD Asst. Chief Melissa Helgeson 608 / 845-9401

**WE, April 7, 2010 – 6:00-8:00 PM – DeForest Area Public Library (Basic)**

203 Library St., DeForest, WI 53532

Contact: Gisela Newbegin 608 / 846-5482

**TU, April 13, 2010 – Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center**

**1:00-3:00 PM – BASIC**

**6:30-8:30 PM – ADVANCED CLASS**

1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI 53713

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Seating is "first come, first serve." All of these classes have filled to capacity in previous years so please plan to arrive at least ten minutes prior to the class starting time.

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