



FREE “STORM READY” TRAINING

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JEFFERSON PARISH TO CONDUCT SEVERE WEATHER – SKY WARN TRAINING

StormReady, a program started in 1999 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property, before and during the event. StormReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen local safety programs.

StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advanced planning, education, and awareness. No community is storm proof, but StormReady can help communities save lives.

Jefferson Parish will be conducting a **Severe Weather – Sky Warn Training** with the National Weather Service during the month of February which is **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**.

The first class will be on the **Westbank, Saturday, February, 16, 2013, from 10:00 am to Noon**, located at the West Bank Regional Library, 2751 Manhattan Boulevard, Harvey.

The second class will be on the **Eastbank, Saturday, February, 23, 2013, from 10:00 am to Noon**, located at the East Bank Regional Library, 4747 W. Napoleon Avenue, Metairie.

As of December 21, 2012, there are 2028 StormReady sites in 49 states and there are 15 StormReady parishes in Louisiana. Jefferson Parish is the only StormReady Parish in Region 1.

For more information on the Storm Ready Program go to <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/>.

For additional information, contact Jefferson Parish Emergency Management at 504-349-5360.