



# Lincoln-Way District 210

## News Release

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### RE: Severe Weather Spotter Training, Health and Safety Expo to be hosted at Lincoln-Way West

On Wednesday, April 26, 2017, the Village of New Lenox will host the 2017 New Lenox Severe Weather Spotter Training/Health and Safety Expo. The event is sponsored by the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and Citizen Corps Council, the National Weather Service, Will County Emergency Management Agency, and Lincoln-Way District 210. The event will be held in the Performing Arts Center at Lincoln-Way West High School, located at 21701 Gougar Road in New Lenox, Illinois.

The free Health and Safety Expo will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. just outside the Performing Arts Center. Approximately 50 organizations from the health, safety, fitness, preparedness and emergency response industries will participate. Attendees will have the opportunity to receive free literature, giveaways, and health screenings.

The free Severe Weather Spotter Training will be held from 7 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. The training will provide those in attendance with information regarding what to look for during severe weather season. Attendees will learn about:

- Thunderstorms—lightning, hail, damaging winds, flash flooding and tornadoes;
- Facts and myths about severe weather hazards that impact the area;
- Advisories, watches, and warnings;
- How and where weather spotters can report information from the safety of their homes; and
- Steps that can be taken to prepare for severe weather.

The program is open to students (middle school and older), parents, scouting groups, amateur radio operators, emergency services, public works, police, fire, schools, and anyone wishing to learn about severe weather.

Those who are interested should register at Eventbrite ([https://basic\\_spotter\\_tng\\_lwest.eventbrite.com](https://basic_spotter_tng_lwest.eventbrite.com)). Those in attendance will also receive a chance to win preparedness-related prizes.

# **2017 Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo**

## **Wednesday April 26, 2017 at Lincoln-Way West High School**

**(Performing Arts Center - West Side of Campus)**

**21701 South Gougar Road New Lenox, IL 60451**

**Health and Safety Expo - 5:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Severe Weather Spotter Training - 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

*Sponsored by the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and Citizen Corps Council, in partnership with the National Weather Service, Will County Emergency Management Agency and Lincoln-Way School District 210*

### **FREE - Severe Weather Spotter Training**

Are You Ready for a Severe Weather Disaster?

Weather spotter training gives people basics on what to look for during severe weather season; defines advisories, watches, and warnings; describes basic characteristics of storms that have the potential of tornado activity; and how and where weather spotters can report information from the safety of their homes. The training is free of charge and is appropriate for anyone interested in learning more about severe weather. For planning purposes, please register via Eventbrite

[\*\*https://basic spotter tng lwwest.eventbrite.com\*\*](https://basic spotter tng lwwest.eventbrite.com)

### **FREE - Health and Safety Expo**

Visit approximately 50 organizations that will be providing information related to health, safety, fitness, preparedness and emergency response. Pick-up literature, giveaways and speak to the experts to find out what's new. For questions or additional information, please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, at (815) 462-6493 or via email [\*\*dmartin@newlenox.net\*\*](mailto:dmartin@newlenox.net)