



News from National Weather Service, Anchorage and the Anchorage Office of Emergency Management

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THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND A SUMMER WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING WORKSHOP

When: 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 25th.

Where: Loussac Library in the Salmon Room.

The community is invited to attend a Summer Weather Spotter Training Workshop co-sponsored by Anchorage Office of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service (NWS). The training session will take place in-person on Thursday, May 25 at 6:00pm and will be an hour in duration.

Everyone is invited. If you are a current weather spotter, firefighter, law enforcement specialist, land management employee, emergency services technician, transportation operator, outdoor recreationalist, or a general weather enthusiast, this training workshop is for you. Training will include information about how to recognize impactful summer weather, how to receive the NWS forecasts, and how to submit weather reports. In addition, participants will receive information about personal preparedness from the Anchorage Office of Emergency Management.

Across southern Alaska, over 100 volunteer weather spotters and cooperative observers provide valuable weather information which is fundamental in helping the NWS protect lives and property. Forecasts are often based on observer data, and even warnings for impactful weather have been issued based on information received from trained volunteer spotters and cooperative weather observers.

For more information about the NWS spotter program, please see our local office web page at <https://www.weather.gov/afc/spotter>.

Please bring a friend, relative or other interested weather enthusiasts. We look forward to seeing you at the training session. If you have questions, please call Aviva Braun, (NWS) at (907) 266-5117, or Audrey Gray (Anchorage OEM) at (907) 343-1407.

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