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Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week January 14-18, 2019

The National Weather Service in Tampa Bay is partnering with the Florida Division of Emergency Management to present the 2019 Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe Weather Awareness Week presents Florida residents, businesses, and schools with an opportunity to learn about the common types of severe weather that impacts their area and what they can do to prepare.

Each day from January 14th through 18th will focus on a different type of severe weather that is common to Florida. The National Weather Service office in Tampa Bay will provide a discussion each morning with facts and safety tips for each topic. These discussions will be posted on Social Media (Facebook and Twitter), Public Information Statements, and NOAA Weather Radio. The daily topics are as follows:

Monday	Lightning Hazards
Tuesday	Marine Hazards
Wednesday	Tornadoes and Severe Thunderstorms
Thursday	Coastal and Freshwater Flooding
Friday	Temperature Extremes and Wildfires

Additionally, a statewide tornado drill will take place on Wednesday, January 16th at 10:00 AM EST. National Weather Service Tampa Bay will participate by broadcasting a *Routine Weekly Test* message over NOAA Weather Radio, and issuing a Public Information Statement at 10:00 AM EST.

Participants of the tornado drill are encouraged to take a selfie in their shelter and post it on Twitter with the hashtag *#SafePlaceSelfie*. The best photo will receive a weather radio from our office.

More information can be found at the following links:

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/SWAW/>

<https://www.weather.gov/Tampa/>

Facebook and Twitter handle: [@NWS Tampa Bay](#)