

## STORM SPOTTER TRAINING



Over the winter of 2014 and early spring of 2015 six Storm Spotter classes were facilitated by New Berlin Emergency Management in cooperation with the National Weather Service Milwaukee/Sullivan office. The goal of these classes was to increase the amount of warning time provided to our citizens when severe weather is approaching or impacting the city. This reflects training a quarter of the Police Departments' sworn officers and all of the full-time Firefighter and Emergency Management staff. This training was combined with a new Emergency Management spotter communication plan to expedite spotter observations and hasten warnings to the public. These classes, communications plan and equipment were provided within the current budgets of all departments involved. It is anticipated that future budgets will provide resources to allow additional classes for the Police and new Firefighters. The National Weather Service requires all storm spotter be re-certified every three years.

### 2016 Public Classes

The City of New Berlin Emergency Management Department will be hosting two Storm Spotter classes in May 2016. These educational programs are designed to assist in the identification of hazardous weather conditions and illustrate the correct steps to protect yourself and others. Classes are open to the public ages 14 and older. These free classes are presented by Milwaukee Skywarn in cooperation with the National Weather Service Milwaukee. Registration is at the door. Early arrival is recommended, as space is limited.

### 2016 Class Schedule

CLASS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Basic	May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.	City Hall 3805 S. Casper Drive New Berlin, WI 53151
Advanced*	May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.	City Hall 3805 S. Casper Drive New Berlin, WI 53151

*\*Completion of the Basic Storm Spotter course required.*