

2018 SIREN TEST CALENDAR



Please be advised that Oakland County Homeland Security Division will be testing the outdoor warning siren system on the following dates in 2018:

March 3	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
April 7	Saturday	Cancelled	Due to SWAW test week
April 11	Wednesday	1:00 PM	Special test in recognition of Severe Weather Awareness Week (SWAW)
May 5	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
June 2	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
July 7	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
August 4	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
September 1	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
October 6	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
November 3	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month

Note: Siren tests are not conducted during December, January, or February due to winter weather.

SKYWARN 2018



Skywarn is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and by encouraging the widest possible participation in tornado warning programs. There is no way to stop tornadoes, and not all tornadoes show up on radar, but they can be seen. Lives can be saved. Only one instrument can detect a tornado or funnel with complete certainty, the human eye.

Skywarn training sessions are held to train individuals on how to accurately observe such weather phenomena as floods, hail, wind and its associated damage, cloud features that lead to tornadoes, and those cloud features that do not lead to tornadoes. The class covers what information to report and how to report it. Basic severe weather safety is also covered. Classes are **FREE** and last 1.5 hours. While new technological and scientific tools have advanced the National Weather Service (NWS) capability to predict severe weather, the trained spotter remains essential to the NWS warning process. The more trained “eyes” we have in the field during a severe weather event, the better our service to you and the public will be. More concern, more spotters, more eyes are needed. Lend us yours - learn **SKYWARN!**

SPOTTER TRAINING CLASSES

Wednesday, March 7 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Saturday, March 24 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Saturday, March 24 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Bldg. 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, 48328
Monday, March 26 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Southfield Public Library 26300 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, 48076
Thursday, April 12 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	City of Rochester Hills – City Hall 1000 Rochester Hills Dr, Rochester Hills, 48309
Wednesday, April 18 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	The Charter Township of Commerce Township 2009 Township Drive, Commerce Township, 48390
Thursday, May 10 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Ortonville Old Town Hall 476 Mill Street, Ortonville, 48462

All interested parties (i.e. fire, police, EMS, security, volunteers, and citizens) are encouraged to attend.

The **Oakland County Homeland Security Division** coordinates this program.
Limited space is available, so make your reservations now!



Go to: oakgov.com/homelandsecurity
and click on the Skywarn logo to register
or call (248) 858-5300

