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SUBJECT: Weather Spotter Training Class set for Tuesday, February 7

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The 2017 Jasper County Weather Spotter Training Class will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7. The class will be held at the Anderson Auditorium (Police Academy), MSSU, 3801 E. Newman Road. There is no address on the building itself. It is on the North side of Newman Rd, directly across from the main campus entrance.

The class is open to anyone who wishes to attend. There is no charge, nor is there any need to pre-register. Just come as you are and enjoy 90 minutes of interesting weather information presented by a meteorologist from the Springfield Office of the National Weather Service.

As the storm season approaches, residents are encouraged to plan ahead for where to seek shelter during severe weather. They should also have an emergency supplies kit packed with bottled water, non-perishable foods, necessary medications, a flashlight, batteries and a first aid kit.

"Another tool that will help community members be prepared for emergencies is an all-hazards NOAA weather alert radio," adds Emergency Manager Keith Stammer. "These programmable radios operate on electricity with battery-backup. They can be programmed to receive information for only the counties and topics of interest to the user. They carry alerts and information on severe weather, missing children, public health emergencies, civil emergencies and more."

The radios can be purchased at local retailers. For more information on preparing for emergencies, go to the Joplin-Jasper County Office of Emergency Management website at http://www.joplinmo.org/221/Plan-Prepare

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