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THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND SEVERE WEATHER TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR ADA COUNTY

When: 7:00 pm Wednesday April 25, 2012 Where: Ada County Public Safety Building

The community is invited to attend a Severe Weather Spotter Training Workshop co-sponsored by Ada City-County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service (NWS). The training session is slated for April 25th, 2012 in the Vernon Bisterfeldt Public Safety Building, 7200 Barrister Drive, Boise, Idaho (near the Boise Mall). The class will be held in the Basement with entry through the main front entrance. Please meet in the building lobby no later than 6:55 p.m. The session will last 1 to 2 hours beginning at 7 p.m.

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 just purely a weather enthusiast, this training workshop is for you.

Training will include definitions and climatology of severe weather, training on cloud and storm recognition, storm hazards and safety tips, and weather reporting procedures.

Across Ada County, over 100 volunteer weather spotters and cooperative observers provide valuable weather information which is fundamental in helping the NWS protect lives and property. However, 100 is not enough. Forecasts are often based on observer data, and even warnings for severe weather have been issued based on information received from trained volunteer spotters, cooperative observers and/or relayed by a HAM operator.

For more information about the NWS spotter program, please see our local office Web page at http://www.weather.gov/boise/ or our national severe weather awareness Web page at http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/index.shtml

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 Paul “Crash” Marusich [ACCEM] at (208) 577-4750, or Jay Breidenbach [National Weather Service] (208) 334-9861.