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March 25-29 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa

DUBUQUE – The Dubuque County Emergency Management Agency, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), National Weather Service (NWS), and Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA) have joined together to promote Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 25-29.

All citizens are encouraged to review shelter in place procedures at home and work, sign up for emergency alerts through Alert Iowa and be prepared to have multiple ways to be notified of severe weather watches and warnings as they are issued.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is an opportunity to highlight the importance of being aware of, and prepared for, severe weather through a different focus each day:

- **Monday** – Severe thunderstorms
- **Tuesday** – Weather warnings
- **Wednesday** – Tornadoes
- **Thursday** – Family preparedness
- **Friday** – Flash floods

The City of Dubuque and cities throughout Dubuque County will participate in the annual statewide tornado drill on Wed., March 27, beginning at 10 a.m. In the event of severe weather that morning, the drill will be postponed to March 28 at 10 a.m.

The Dubuque County EMA will host a severe weather spotter training class on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Dubuque County Firefighters Regional Emergency Responder Training Facility, 14928 Public Safety Way, Dubuque, IA 52002.

Register for emergency alerts through Alert Iowa to ensure you receive the latest weather and community-based emergency alerts through our new system. To sign up, visit: <https://bit.ly/DubuqueAlerts>. Not sure if you have registered? Use the same link to try to sign in (instructions will be provided for forgotten passwords or to override an old account). Or you can text "**DubuqueIA**" to **672-83** or download the Smart911 app from the Apple or Google Play stores.

Additional information about the tornado drill can be found on local NWS websites.

For more information on severe weather preparedness, visit www.ready.iowa.gov.

Follow HSEMD, IEMA, and NWS on social media using the hashtag #IAwx and #ReadyIowa.