# Severe Weather Awareness Week March 25-29, 2019



#### LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### **Emergency Management**



- All Hazards Approach
  - o Preparedness Goals
  - Increase Awareness and Education
  - Expand the Planning Process
  - Increase Participation in Drills and Training Exercises

## Hazards



- Possibility vs. Probability
- Likelihood of Severe Weather-Related Disaster
  - Emphasize
  - 1) Preparedness and Planning
  - o 2) Situational Awareness
  - 3) Implement Plan of Action

### Severe Weather Awareness Week



- March 25-29, 2019
- Promote Preparedness and Situational Awareness all week
- Practice 'Shelter Plan' during the Statewide Tornado Drill

## Statewide Tornado Drill



- Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- 10:00am) NWS issues a TEST Tornado Watch
- 10:15am) NWS issues a TEST Tornado WARNING
- Everyone is encouraged to participate in the drill.
- At the completion of the drill, all participants are invited to complete a simple, one-page PDF-fillable form documenting their participation

## **Drill Participation Form**



- Form is posted on Emergency Management's website
  <u>http://lancaster.ne.gov/emergency/index.htm</u>
- One for Schools
  - o <u>http://lancaster.ne.gov/emergency/pdf/drill\_edu.pdf</u>
- One for General Use (Business, Home, Other...)
  <u>http://lancaster.ne.gov/emergency/pdf/drill\_gen.pdf</u>
- Only one form is needed per participating entity

Participation Numbers			
	2018	2017	2016
<b>Government Agencies</b>			
Agencies	46	28	41
Participants	9179	2858	1470
School System			
Schools	16	58	0
Participants	6465	37036	0
Healthcare Facilities			
Facilities	25	6	0
Participants	6514	3823	0
Private Businesses			
Businesses	3	0	0
Participants	331	0	0
<b>Total Entities</b>	90	92	41
<b>Total Participants</b>	22489	43717	1470

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#### Weatherfest



- Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium
- Saturday, April 6<sup>th,</sup> 2019, 9:00am to 2:00pm
- Nebraska Innovation Campus
  2021 Transformation Drive
- Storm Spotter Certification
  - o 2:00pm Lecture and Certification Testing

## **County Board Resolution**



- Resolution pending for the March 19<sup>th</sup> County Board Meeting
- Recognition of Severe Weather Awareness Week
- Declaration of Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> as *Storm Spotter Recognition Day*

#### Weather Awareness Poster Contest



- NEMA's Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest
- We have a WINNER from Lancaster County!
- Ansley Throener, 9 years old, Adams Elementary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place overall in the statewide contest open to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders
- Governor's Awards Ceremony at State Capital
  Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10am

