

Wayne County Sheriff's Department Training Newsletter

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Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.

Sam Ewing

Thoughts...

You may have noticed, or maybe not, that there was no April newsletter. For that, I apologize and hope to continue producing newsletters every month. I would like to hear from people regarding topics of interest that they might like to see. I try to provide information on a variety of topics that are both appropriate to our job and interesting to read. As always, feel free to email me any topics you would like to learn more about or share with others.

This month, I have provided some information on severe weather. Obviously, it is the time of year that weather is a concern. As police officers, we should be knowledgeable when it comes to recognizing severe weather. I have provided some interesting facts on Indiana over the years as well a basic severe weather spotter guide.

REMINDERS

LOOK at the training calendar by clicking <http://wcsdweb2.co.wayne.in.us/training/>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Meth Clandestine Lab Safety Course	Evansville	July 9-13
Cannabis Indoor Grow	Evansville	July 17-18
Hands-on Fingerprint Recovery	Loveland, OH	May 22-24
LEOs Killed and Assaulted	Lawrence	June 27
Responding to School Drug	(1) Whiteland	June 28
Impairment Calls	(2) Batesville	July 18

Remember: If you are interested in attending one of these courses, there is no guarantee that you will. I provide the information to see if anyone is interested in a particular course. Put in your request and we will try to accommodate those requests when possible. Scheduling and cost must always be considered so each case is reviewed on an individual basis.

If you have questions regarding training listed or an interest in attending training not found here, contact Jason Moore. Be sure to fill out a [training request form](http://wcsdweb2.co.wayne.in.us/training) for review if you would like to attend any training held outside the WCSD. Email reminders will be sent out when issues of this publication are ready to be viewed on <http://wcsdweb2.co.wayne.in.us/training>

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From the National Weather Service-Indianapolis, historical examples of Central Indiana weather history during the month of May:

- 1983 **Indianapolis** – Winds up to 80 MPH blow out some windows downtown.
- 1977 **Cutler** - A tornado destroys a barn and damages houses.
- 1971 **Knox, Davies Counties** - A tornado skips across both counties destroying a house and three mobile homes.
- 1986 **Rushville** – A tornado breaks windows in houses and knocks down trees.
- 1993 **Muncie** - A 16 year old near a pond was struck by lightning.
- 1886 **Williamsport, Attica** – A tornado kills five and injures 12. As many as 200 homes destroyed in 5 minutes.
- Wilkinson** – A second tornado that day kills two and injures 12 more.
- 1972 **Indianapolis, Mechanicsburg** – A tornado causes \$2 million dollars in damage.
- 1990 **Southern Indiana** – Wave after wave of thunderstorms dumped 8 inches of rain in southern Indiana causing extensive flooding.
- 1991 **Lebanon** – Thunderstorm winds gusted to 87 MPH.
- 1927 **Indianapolis** – A killer tornado accompanied by high straight-line winds moved through the city killing two and injuring up to 200. Sixteen blocks in the East-Central part of Indianapolis were destroyed.
- 1949 **Shelburn** – Two tornados killed 17 people and injured more than 200.
- 1978 **Cortland** – A small tornado damages a farm in Jackson County.
- 1975 **Brown County** – A tornado carves a 3-mile long path through Brown County State Park.
- 1883 **Clay City, Adams** – A tornado moved across the central part of the state killing 11.
- 2004 The second largest tornado outbreak in Indiana...23 tornados struck the state.

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Look at the Basic Spotters' Field Guide from the National Weather Service by clicking [HERE](#).

Use of this Guide:

The information contained in this guide is provided as a reference to supplement the National Weather Service's spotter training film and slide series. It is not sufficient to qualify you as a SKYWARN spotter. This guide has been compiled for use by trained spotters in the field (both fixed and mobile spotters) and communication specialists who receive and relay the reports. The safety tips contained in this guide are geared primarily for mobile spotters, but the technical concepts that are outlined are applicable to spotters of all types. This guide is not a general handout for the public. As a result of its specialized subject matter, a number of technical terms are used. Their meanings are explained in the text. Many of the photos used in this guide were taken in the Great Plains area of the United States where visibilities usually are good. Spotters in other areas of the country, especially the southern states, may have difficulty seeing some of the thunderstorm's features because of poor visibility caused by terrain, trees, heavy rainfall, or low clouds.