Keeping Minnesota **Ready**

EMERGENCY MANAGERS

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IS A TOOL FOR YOU

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 9-13, 2018. Before and during the week, the Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service will be working with statewide media outlets to promote and broadcast general weather safety and emergency preparedness stories and information for the upcoming season. In addition, statewide tornado drills will be held Thursday, April 12 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Use this opportunity to build those critical relationships with your schools, community groups and business leaders! This is the perfect time to engage and remind them to create or review their emergency plans and how to get prepared for the upcoming severe weather season.

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During **Severe Weather Awareness Week** each day's theme highlights one of the top weather threats in Minnesota and how to be informed and prepared for them.

Each day of the week focuses on a different topic.

- Monday <u>Alerts and Warnings</u>
- Tuesday <u>Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail</u>
- Wednesday <u>Floods</u>
- Thursday <u>Tornadoes (with statewide tornado drills)</u>
- Friday Extreme Heat

Visit the HSEM website for more information about the daily themes at <u>https://hsem.dps.mn.gov</u>

PROMOTE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

- Hold Preparedness Seminars
- Consult With Local Businesses
- Host A Preparedness & Health Fair
- Engage With Scouting Groups
- Meet With Homeowner Associations
- Post Facebook Articles And Photos About Successes
- Send Tweets With Local Preparedness Info

Specific information about these topics (including factsheets, checklists, data and other resources) is provided on the <u>HSEM Weather Safety</u> or at the <u>National Weather Service, Chanhassen</u> websites.

