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Severe Weather Spotter Training Health and Safety Expo “Touch-a-Truck”

The Village of New Lenox and the New Lenox Safe Community Coalition is pleased to announce that the **2023 Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo / “Touch-a-Truck”** event will be held on **Thursday, March 30, 2023** at **Lincoln-Way WEST High School**, 21701 Gougar Road New Lenox, IL 60451. Please use the entrance off Gougar Road for this event, which is FREE and intended for all ages.

The **Health and Safety Expo** will be held from **5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the area just outside the auditorium. Approximately 50 organizations from the health, safety, fitness, preparedness and emergency response sectors will be on hand. Information, literature and giveaways will be available to guests.

The **“Touch-a-Truck”** portion of the event will be held from **5:00pm to 7:00pm** near the main entrance to the auditorium and in the parking lot just south of the auditorium. Many types of vehicles will be on display for families to enjoy. There will be demonstrations and representatives on hand to answer questions about the vehicles and apparatus.

The **Severe Weather Spotter Training** will be held in the auditorium from **7:00pm to 8:30pm**. The training provides those in attendance with



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information on what to look for during severe weather season. Attendees will learn about:

- Thunderstorms – lightning, hail, damaging winds, flash flooding and tornadoes;
- Facts and myths about severe weather hazards that impact our area;
- Advisories, watches, and warnings;
- How and where weather spotters can report information from the safety of their homes; and
- Steps that can be taken to prepare for severe weather.

This program is perfect for students, parents, scouting groups, amateur radio operators, emergency services, public works, police, fire, schools and anyone else wishing to learn about severe weather.

Special thanks to Lincoln-Way Community High School District #210 and Lincoln-Way WEST High School for hosting. In addition, special thanks to the National Weather Service Chicago Office for offering this training.

For additional information or questions, please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, at (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net.