



## **Spotter Training 2010**

**Rogers County annual storm spotter training will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at The OSU County bldg at 416 South Brady in Claremore. Class will start at 7pm. Hope to see you there**

Throughout eastern Oklahoma and northwest Arkansas, dedicated individuals risk their personal safety to provide first-hand severe weather reports to their local officials and to the National Weather Service in Tulsa.

Being a storm spotter not only means dedication, but also training. Each winter and spring the Tulsa office of the National Weather Service trains members of police & fire departments, emergency management officials and amateur radio operators on spotting techniques. Typically the training is coordinated by a local group (such as an emergency management agency), and a NWS meteorologist serves as the guest instructor. The goal of the training is not just to recognize tornadoes, but to have some understanding of storm structure, which in turn better prepares the spotter for the extreme and unusual circumstances. Other topics covered include an update on the latest NWS technology and procedures, and ideas for organizing / coordinating spotter groups.

The training is free and requires no preregistration.