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Committee Announces Improvements To Ohio's Severe Weather Awareness Web Site
Easier To Use Internet Address Debuted

Columbus, OH – Over the last year, Ohio's citizens, teachers and public safety officials have turned to the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness's (OCSWA) Web site for safety and preparedness information. Feedback on the Web site praised the content of information, but suggested that the Internet address change to something easier to remember. The new address is www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

The OCSWA Web site provides safety tips for tornadoes, floods, thunder and lightning storms, extreme heat, winter storms and home fires. Visitors to the site learn information such as how to write family disaster plans; building preparedness kits for the home and vehicle; and information about Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week, Lightning Safety Awareness Week and Winter Severe Weather Awareness Week. Finally, the site contains activities to increase severe weather awareness among school-aged children, including information on the committee's annual Severe Weather Awareness poster contest.

For nearly 30 years, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has been dedicated to educating Ohioans on the weather hazards that most affect our state, while encouraging everyone to learn what they should do before, during and after the occurrence of severe weather. Committee members represent the Ohio Emergency Management Agency; National Weather Service; Ohio Insurance Institute; Ohio News Network; Emergency Management Association of Ohio; Ohio Citizen Corps; American Red Cross; State Fire Marshal; and the Ohio Departments of Aging, Education, Health, Insurance and Natural Resources.

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