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### **EMA BEGINS TORNADO SEASON PREPAREDNESS TODAY!**

(DELPHOS, OH) – It may seem difficult to believe with this morning’s snowfall, but tornado season is right around the corner. Allen County Emergency Management Agency director Russ Decker announced his agency’s annual tornado preparedness program begins this afternoon with in-service training for employees at the Van Crest Nursing Home in Delphos.

Each year the EMA provides dozens of in-service training programs for local schools, daycare centers, and nursing homes to refresh employees’ awareness of severe weather conditions and to review plans for how to deal with tornadoes and other storms should they approach these critical facilities.

In addition the EMA annually hosts a “storm spotter” training course and participates in the statewide tornado drill, both of which are slated for later next month. “It is critical that we do not take tornado season for granted here,” Decker said. “Allen County ranks fourth in the state in the number of tornado deaths and we certainly do not want to add to those numbers”.

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