

# WAUKESHA COUNTY

## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



## Wisconsin Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week April 17-21, 2023

April 17<sup>th</sup> marks Wisconsin's official Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week. In 2022, there were 28 tornadoes in Wisconsin, which is above average. In the last 15 years Wisconsin has had as many as 62 tornadoes and as few as 4.

Peak tornado season in Wisconsin is April to August, but they can occur any time of the year; look back at the October tornadoes. Now is a great time to review and update your plans, practice/prepare public messaging, and educate your communities.

One of the biggest gaps and a main focus point for education/messaging can be on the difference between "Watches" and "Warnings".

### WATCH

- Conditions are favorable for the possible weather-related incident
- Issued 2-6 hours in advance and for broad area of potential impact
- Provides time to become aware of a possible event and to prepare

### WARNING

- Take Action!
- Radar-indicated or spotter-reported
- Issued for more specific area of possible impact
- Follow recommendations made by your notifying agencies

Ready Wisconsin is a great resource for obtaining material for public education or outreach materials. You can obtain these materials at: [Media campaign information – ReadyWisconsin](#).

## Training and Events

L-105 Public Information  
Basics

09/19-09/21/2023

08:00-16:30

Fort Atkinson, WI

[Wisconsin Emergency Management](#)  
([trainingwisconsin.org](http://trainingwisconsin.org))

K0202: Debris  
Management Planning for  
State, Tribal, Territorial &  
Local Officials

05/16-05/18/2023

VIRTUAL

[Wisconsin Emergency Management](#)  
([trainingwisconsin.org](http://trainingwisconsin.org))

G386: Mass Fatalities Incident  
Response

04/18-04/19/2023

08:00-16:30

Waukesha, WI

[Wisconsin Emergency Management](#)  
([trainingwisconsin.org](http://trainingwisconsin.org))

G191: ICS/EOC Interface

04/25/2023

08:00-16:30

Sturtevant, WI

[Wisconsin Emergency Management](#)  
([trainingwisconsin.org](http://trainingwisconsin.org))

ICS-400: Advanced ICS,  
Complex Incidents

05/15 -05/16/2023

08:00-16:30

Milwaukee, WI

[Wisconsin Emergency Management](#)  
([trainingwisconsin.org](http://trainingwisconsin.org))

## Canadian Pacific - AskRail

With recent events in East Palestine, Ohio transportation of hazardous materials via rail has been an ever-growing concern. Being able to identify train cargo is an essential step in the response to any rail incident. Canadian Pacific Rail has an app specifically for first responders in closing the information gap.

The AskRail mobile application serves emergency responders who arrive first to the scene of a rail emergency and need critical information about the contents of a railcar.

This invitation-only mobile application provides immediate access to accurate, real-time data about individual railcars on a train. This data can help emergency responders make informed decisions about how to respond to the scene of a rail emergency.

Find more information at: [AskRail \(cpr.ca\)](http://AskRail.cpr.ca)



# AskRail™

## Paradigm Pipeline CoRE Program

Paradigm is holding a pipeline safety training on April 26, 2023, at 5:30pm. The training will be at Waukesha Elks Lodge #400 2301 Springfield Rd Waukesha, WI 53186. The training is free of charge and allows first responders to review pipeline safety and response to pipeline incidents. The training also allows first responders the ability to contact with providers in Waukesha County. You can register for the training here: [Online Reservation System \(pdigm.com\)](http://Online.Reservation.System(pdigm.com)).



Coinciding with the Statewide Tornado drill on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Waukesha County Communications will be testing the sirens they are responsible for at 1:45p and 6:45p.

## 2023 Wisconsin Statewide Tornado Drill Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### 1:45pm and 6:45pm

Please reserve these times to discuss and practice your tornado and severe weather safety and sheltering plans.

#### What will happen:

- NOAA Weather Radio Weekly Test
- Some municipalities will sound sirens.
- Some TV/radio stations will briefly cut into programming
- Social Media Posts

#### What will NOT happen:

- ❑ Wireless Emergency Alerts
- ❑ Push notifications on phones
- ❑ Test Watch/Warning



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