



# Calvert County NEWS

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### County Weather Observer Needed

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Nov. 30, 2012** – Wind direction, high and low temperatures, rainfall amounts, snowfall depths – for some people, these are interesting topics.

The National Weather Service (NWS) is hoping to find those people.

NWS is looking for a volunteer cooperative observer for Calvert County in the Dunkirk area. NWS provides the needed equipment and training is planned for spring of 2013.

Members of the Cooperative Observer Program are a source for the nation's weather and climate information. More than 11,000 volunteers across the country take observations on farms, in urban and suburban areas, national parks, seashores and mountaintops.

Volunteers are expected to take daily maximum and minimum temperatures and measurements of snowfall or rainfall. The data are used to help measure long-term climate changes and define the climate of the U.S. Volunteers send the data daily to NWS and the National Climatic Data Center. Some volunteers also provide hydrological or meteorological data, such as evaporation or soil temperatures.

Anyone who is interested in being a volunteer cooperative observer can call the Calvert County Department of Emergency Management at 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, or email [gottkr@co.cal.md.us](mailto:gottkr@co.cal.md.us).

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*Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.*