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Severe Weather is Possible Tonight, Tomorrow *Calvert County Department of Public Safety Urges Residents to Be Prepared*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – June 12, 2013 – The National Weather Service is identifying a potential for severe weather tonight through Thursday evening and the Calvert County Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management encourages all residents to be prepared.

The forecast includes a squall line that could move through the area Thursday, which is expected to be fast-moving and include damaging winds, heavy rain and the threat of tornadoes.

Residents are urged to follow these tips on preparing for severe weather and taking action if a tornado develops.

Before the Storm

- Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school, when outdoors and especially when boating.
- Prepare an emergency supply kit that includes a NOAA weather radio with a battery backup to receive warnings.
- Listen to radio and television for information.
- If planning a trip outdoors, listen to the latest forecasts and take necessary action if threatening weather is possible.

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- Be familiar with the various types of watches and warnings issued for severe weather.
 - **Severe thunderstorm watch:** severe thunderstorms are possible in your area
 - **Severe thunderstorm warning:** thunderstorms are occurring
 - **Tornado watch:** conditions are favorable for a tornado to form
 - **Tornado warning:** a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar

If a Tornado Warning is Issued

- Take shelter immediately. If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows.
- Abandon mobile homes; they offer little protection, even if tied down.
- Get out of automobiles. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead, leave it immediately.
- If you are caught outside with no shelter, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Do not get under an overpass or bridge.
- Be aware of the potential for flooding.
- After the tornado passes, stay away from storm-damaged areas.
- Listen to the radio for information and instructions.

To learn more about emergency preparedness, contact the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, at 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, or visit us online at www.co.cal.md.us.

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