

Join Texas Fire Safety Professionals, the Lightning Protection Institute and National Weather Service Officials for the

# 2011 LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK KICK OFF!

Friday, June 17, 2011 | 10:00 a.m.

Austin Fire Station # 37 | 8660 State Hwy 71 West | Austin, TX 78735

Experts are partnering in Austin to provide safety information about the dangers of lightning and promote risk reduction and lightning protection education. Learn more about the Lightning Safety Awareness Campaign to protect your family and property from this deadly and destructive force by attending this important, free event.

- Lightning is an underrated weather hazard, yet it is a leading storm-related killer.
- Texas has seen 29 lightning fatalities since 2000. Lightning is responsible for more than a billion dollars in property damage each year in the U.S. and Texas has more lightning than any other state, averaging almost 3 million potentially deadly flashes each year.
- Texas wildfires have burned thousands of acres this year with some fires triggered by lightning. Prominent Texas buildings have also been destroyed by lightning-related fires.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Texas State Fire Marshal Paul Maldonado
- NOAA/National Weather Service Representative Donna Franklin
- National Fire Protection Association Official Randy Safer
- Lightning Protection Institute's Kim Loehr
- Beau Theriot, Owner of Oasis Restaurant (which was destroyed in a lightning triggered fire)

If you plan to attend, or have questions, please email event coordinator Jamie Smethie at [Jamie@cotedambrosio.com](mailto:Jamie@cotedambrosio.com), or call Jamie at 512.626.3601.

**We hope to see you on Friday, June 17th!**

