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Outdoor Warning Sirens

Policy: To establish guidelines for activating the Springfield – Greene County Outdoor Warning Sirens for:

- 1) Tornado warnings
- 2) Thunderstorms producing life threatening winds
- 3) Testing/maintenance

Reference: Map of attached siren locations with estimated coverage.

Description:

403.03.1 AUTHORIZATION

1. The Outdoor Warning Sirens may be activated with approval given by:
 - a. Emergency Management Director or their designee
 - b. Emergency Communications Center Supervisor

403.03.2 OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN ACTIVATION TORNADO FOR WARNINGS AND THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS PRODUCING LIFE THREATENCING WINDS.

1. National Weather Service issues a TORNADO WARNING with applicable portions of Greene County and/or the City of Springfield in the warned polygon and in the path of the storm.
2. A trained spotter reports rotation, funnel cloud, or tornado in the jurisdiction. This may include storms tracking toward Greene County or the City of Springfield from adjacent counties or municipalities.
3. National Weather Service issues a THUNDERSTORM WARNING producing life threatening winds approximately 75 mph or greater, in the jurisdiction.
4. A trained spotter reports life threatening winds approximately 75 mph or greater in or approaching the jurisdiction.

403.03.3 OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN ACTIVATION

1. Outdoor Warning Sirens sound a steady tone for three minutes.
2. Sirens are cycled or “rested” for a short time period of three minutes.
3. Outdoor Warning Sirens may be sounded multiple times during the warning.
4. The Office of Emergency Management does not sound an all-clear siren. The public should listen to NOAA Weather Radio and the local media for current weather information.



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403.03.4 ACTIONS BY THE PUBLIC: “BE INFORMED – KNOW WHERE TO GO!”

1. The activation of Outdoor Warning Sirens is designed to send the message to the public to; move inside a sturdy building, seek shelter as low and as interior as possible, and be informed by listening to NOAA Weather Radio and the local media for current weather information.

403.03.5 OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN TESTING

1. Outdoor warning sirens will be tested on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
2. Outdoor Warning Sirens will be activated for three minutes.
3. Outdoor Warning Sirens will not be tested if any of the following weather conditions exist:
 - a. 100% cloud cover or overcast skies
 - b. Thunderstorms predicted for the area
 - c. Freezing weather conditions
4. If Outdoor Warning Sirens are not tested on the regular monthly test date and time, there will be no make-up test for that month.
5. Outdoor Warning Sirens may be tested following repairs with the following conditions:
 - a. City Administrator / Chief Elected Officials advised
 - b. Local media notified with the goal of 12-24 hour notice