



Effective Immediately:

March 6th, 2017

To conform with recommended guidelines with from FEMA, National Weather Service, and SkyWatch; Greenwood County Emergency Management and Greenwood County Sheriff's Department have adopted new policy regarding the activation of outdoor warning sirens.

Siren Activation

- The National Weather Service issues a tornado warning and the affected community is located within the tornado warning polygon.
- Trained storm spotters have reported a tornado. Reports from non-trained weather spotters will require confirmation before activation occurs.
- During a Severe Thunderstorm Warning, ONLY IF: Destructive winds of 80mph or greater are observed by a trained spotter or indicated in the National Weather Service warning statements.
- Other emergency as directed by emergency management or senior law and fire officials.

GREENWOOD COUNTY DOES NOT ACTIVATE AN "ALL CLEAR" ALERT

GREENWOOD COUNTY NO LONGER ACTIVATES THE SIREN FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT ALERT

Siren Testing

Sirens will be tested; weather permitting, March-October on every Monday at 1800hrs. If testing is questionable due to conditions, contact Emergency Management or the Sheriff.

This policy replaces all previous siren activation rules, guidelines, and memos.

Heath Samuels- Sheriff

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