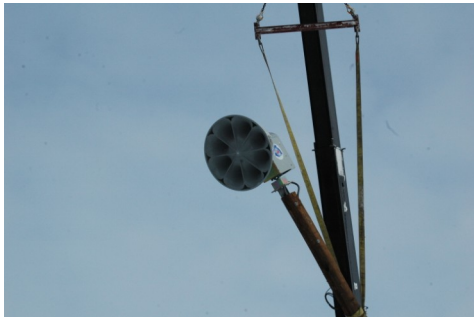


Emergency Preparedness Begins At Home!

An Outdoor Emergency Warning Siren System is only part of your home emergency preparedness program. You also should have a NOAA Weather Radio; Smoke/Fire Detectors; and Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

For Additional Emergency Preparedness Information, Please Visit www.ready.gov



Installation of Outdoor Emergency Warning Sirens began in late 2008 and finished in early 2009 throughout Winnebago County.



For Additional Information, Please Contact:
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Emergency Services & Disaster Agency

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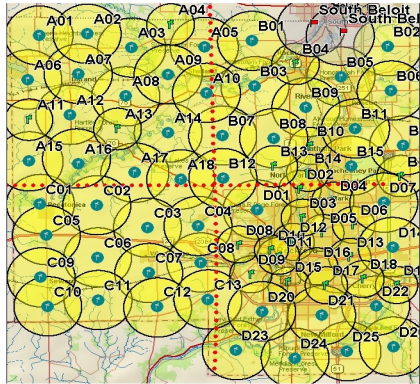
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OUTDOOR EMERGENCY WARNING SIREN SYSTEM



THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY OUTDOOR EMERGENCY WARNING SIREN SYSTEM



Winnebago County Officials have installed an Outdoor Emergency Warning Siren System throughout Winnebago County. Residents can be warned of life threatening emergencies when they are outside, any time of the year, any time of the night or day. This system can warn residents in the event of:

- A life-threatening weather emergency (tornado);
- A terrorist attack;
- A threatening condition that would require an evacuation such as a chemical spill or leak.

It is important to note that this is an OUTDOOR warning system and residents may not hear the warning when inside structures.

What should I do if I hear the alert?

The Outdoor Emergency Warning Siren System is capable of emitting three types of tones for an alert:

1. Long Steady Tone
2. Fast Wailing Tone
3. Slow Wailing Tone

Long Steady Tone:

This is a continuous steady tone that will last for 3-5 minutes. When this tone is sounded, it means that life threatening weather in the form of a tornado has been detected by the National Weather Service on Doppler radar or a sighting of a tornado or funnel cloud has been made by a trained weather spotter. You should immediately take cover inside a basement or other sturdy structure and tune to local radio, television, or NOAA weather radio for information.

Fast Wailing Tone:

This is a tone that rises for 6 seconds and falls for 6 seconds, over a three minute timeframe. When this tone is sounded, it means that there is an attack and you should immediately tune to radio or television broadcasts for information.

Slow Wailing Tone:

This is a tone that rises for 16 seconds and falls for 8 seconds, over one and a half minutes timeframe. When this tone is sounded, it means that there is a threatening condition present, such as a chemical spill or leak, and you should immediately evacuate the area.

All Clear:

All clear alerts will not be made. Monitor local radio, television, or NOAA weather radio for updates.

Testing Of The System:

The system is tested the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM, in accordance with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Act. For this test, the alert tone will sound for approximately 1 minute.

