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Severe Weather Siren Activation

Purpose

To establish a standard operating guideline for activating severe weather sirens

Guideline

- A. When the National Weather Service has issued a Severe Weather Warning affecting any part of Ray County:
 1. Alert tone and broadcast the message over all appropriate frequencies. Repeat the message once again.
 2. The affected agency(s) should also be notified by text message.
 - a. Severe weather includes the following:
 - i. When a tornado warning is issued for areas in Ray County.
 - ii. When wind velocities reach, or are immediately predicted to reach 80 MPH in Ray County.
 - iii. When very large hail falls, or is imminently expected to fall in the immediate area. Dangerous hail is near golf ball size or larger.
 - iv. When hail (nickel size) is accompanied by winds above 50 MPH in Ray County.
 - v. When weather spotters report that conditions have developed to the point that dangerous weather is imminent.
 3. When severe weather is imminent, the “Severe Weather Sirens” will be activated for three minutes.
 4. Text the information to the “Weather” text group.
 5. If Storm Spotters are requested, follow the storm spotter activation guidelines.
 6. Additional dispatchers may be called in to assist if necessary.
 7. To cancel a Severe Weather Warning broadcast over the appropriate frequencies “The Warning issued at (time and date) has been cancelled.” Repeat the message once again.