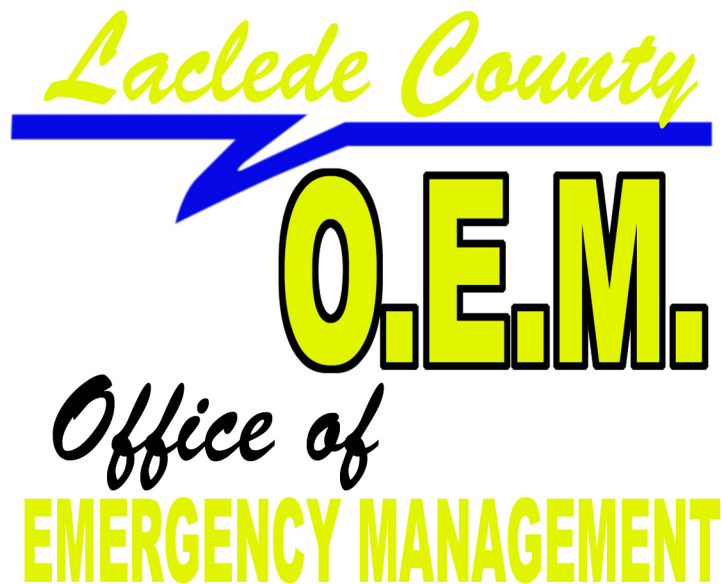


A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO TORNADO SIRENS, WATCHES & WARNINGS



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Office of Emergency Management Storm Siren Policy

The Laclede County Office of Emergency Management will activate the “Outdoor Warning Siren System” for the Cities of Lebanon, Conway and the Village of Phillipsburg whenever the National Weather Service issues a TORNADO WARNING for Laclede County, and the storm will potentially impact one of the above communities. The warning system will also be activated based upon valid field reports of sighted funnel clouds, tornadoes or non-tornadic winds producing damage to the area. Sirens will be activated for a 3 minute duration, followed by a 1 minute “cool-down”, then an additional 3 minute duration. This cycle will continue through the warning / danger period.

The goal of sounding the warning system is to provide time for citizens to seek shelter and to gather information from radio and television stations concerning the threatening weather event.

When the storm warning sirens are activated and stormy weather is in the area, individuals should seek shelter and immediately check with local radio and television broadcasts or monitor weather stations for details of the storm. Immediate evacuation may not always be warranted based upon the location of the storm, so it is important that local media sources or weather radio be monitored for the duration of the warning.

There is no “ALL CLEAR” signal sounded through the siren system. Listen to the National Weather Service or other reporting stations for this information.

TORNADO WATCH: This means that conditions are favorable for tornado development. This is the time to prepare. You should keep alert by listening to radio, television or weather radio for the latest weather information. Know where your children are. Be aware of where you will go and what you will do if severe weather threatens.

TORNADO WARNING: This means that a tornado has been sighted or indicated on radar. People in the path of the storm should take immediate life saving actions.

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