



Standard Operating Procedure

Policy Title: Outdoor Warning Siren Activation

Approved By:

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Policy: To establish procedures for activating the city of Fairhope Outdoor warning Siren;

1. Tornado warnings
 2. Thunderstorms producing life threatening winds
 3. Testing/maintenance
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1. The outdoor warning sirens may be activated when
 - A. The National Weather Service issues a TORNADO WARNING and Fairhope is within the National Weather Service warning polygon
 - B. The National Weather Service issues a THUNDERSTORM WARNING producing life threatening winds of 65 mph or greater and Fairhope is within the National Weather Service warning polygon
 - C. A confirmed Tornado is reported in our area
 - D. And at the request of the Emergency Manager or Mayor of the city of Fairhope
 2. Siren Activation:
 - A. Outdoor warning siren sounds a steady tone for three minutes.
 - B. Siren is rested for three minutes
 - C. If a tornado is confirmed in the area continue to sound multiple times
 - D. No all clear siren will be sounded. Public should listen to NOAA weather radio and/local media for current weather information.
 3. Siren Testing
 - A. Outdoor warning siren will be tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM
 - B. If the siren is not tested there will be no make-up test for that month
 - C. Siren will be activated for three minutes

- D. Outdoor siren will not be activated if the following conditions exist
 - 100% cloud cover
 - Thunderstorms are predicted for our area
- E. The outdoor siren may be tested after maintenance/ repairs with the following conditions
 - The Mayor is notified
 - Local media is notified with the goal of 12-24 hour notice.