

## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES – OUTDOOR SIRENS TO BE ACTIVATED DURING: TORNADO WARNING**

- NWS issues a tornado warning with the jurisdiction in the warned polygon and in the path of the storm
- A trained spotter reports rotation, funnel cloud, or tornado in the jurisdiction; may include storms tracking towards the jurisdiction from the named county or adjacent counties

### **• THUNDERSTORM WARNING**

- NWS issues a thunderstorm warning producing life threatening winds
- A trained spotter reports life threatening winds in or approaching the jurisdiction

### **• SIREN ACTIVATION:**

- Sirens sound a steady tone for three minutes
- Sirens are cycled or rested for three minutes
- Sirens may sound multiple times during the warning
- No all-clear siren will be sounded. Public should listen to NOAA weather radio and/or local media for current weather information

### **• WHAT PUBLIC SHOULD DO DURING SIREN ACTIVATION?**

- Move inside a sturdy building, seek shelter as low and as interior as possible
- Listen to NOAA weather radio and/or the local media for current weather information

### **• SIREN TESTING:**

- Sirens will be tested on the second & Fourth Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m.
- Sirens will be activated for three minutes
- Sirens will not be tested if any of the following weather conditions exist:
  - 100% cloud cover or overcast skies
  - Thunderstorms predicted for area
  - Freezing weather conditions

- If sirens are not tested on the regular monthly test date and time, there will be no make-up test for that month
- Sirens may be tested after maintenance or repairs if: city administration is notified and local media is notified with the goal of 12 hour notice