

**LAKE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE
200 EAST CENTER STREET
MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA 57042-2941**

September 24, 2001

THROUGH: Lake County Commissioner, 200 East Center Street, Madison, SD 57042

FOR: Lake County Dispatchers/911 Coordinator

SUBJECT: Activation of Sirens during Emergencies

To standardize the utilization of sirens for public emergency notification during emergencies, effective upon approval from the Lake County Commissioners, the Lake County dispatchers will implement the following activation guidance for sirens.

- A. Respective **FIRE** sirens will be activated for Fires to summon fire fighters.
- B. Respective **ATTACK/FIRE** sirens will be activated for imminent emergencies, that require citizens to seek immediate shelter.
- C. Activation of sirens or public warning systems, during imminent dangers, will be under the auspice of one of the following listed personnel. The public safety will be the primary concern in the event of all emergencies.
 - 1. Emergency Management Director
 - 2. REACT “duty in-charge” person
 - 3. Lake County Sheriff
 - 4. Lake County Commissioners
 - 5. A reliable source determined by the dispatcher.
- D. Dispatch will advise Law Enforcement (City / County) and REACT of Watches identified for the Lake County area to include updates if Watches are escalated to a higher Warning level.
- E. Dispatch will initiate their severe weather procedures once a National or Local Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Warning has been issued for the Lake County area.
- F. Sirens **WILL NOT** be activated for severe storm warnings. Sirens **WILL BE** activated when a Tornado Warning has been issued for Lake County.
- G. Dispatchers will activate the sirens when the National Weather Service or the Department of Emergency Management (State or Regional Office) provides direct imminent danger information to the county.

- H. In the event of uncertainty, the dispatchers will activate the sirens to ensure that the safety of the public is the primary concern.
- I. An ALL CLEAR siren will not be provided once the danger has passed.
- J. During an emergency, one of the personnel identified will be in contact with the KJAM Radio Station to provide current situation reports to the public. People will be advised to monitor the local radio station for updates and when the imminent danger has passed.

DONALD E. THOMSON
Emergency Management Director
Lake County

APPROVAL: _____ DATE _____
CRAIG JOHANNSEN
Chairman, Lake County Commission

ATTEST: _____ DATE _____
KAY SCHIMDT, Lake County Auditor

CF:
Lake County Sheriff
Madison Fire Chief
Madison Police Chief
REACT Chair

WATCHES: Advise REACT
Advise LAW ENFORCEMENT

WARNINGS: Follow Severe Weather Procedures

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

(Tornados) Sound Alert Siren - - In Area of
Severe Weather

Plectron ALL - - Give Message

Cable Override - - Give Message (Both Systems)

Stack Pagers For: **FIRE**
Emergency Management
Search & Rescue
Commissioner Chair
43-9

GIVE MESSAGE

Advise Nunda Fire Dept to activate siren –
586-4115

Do **ALERT** Sirens for: Wentworth
Chester

Do **FIRE** Sirens for: Winfred
Ramona

Advise Dispatch Supv	256-6867	Pgr 1341
43-1A	256-2210	
43-2A	256-4176	
43-2B	256-4973	
HP-111	256-6999	
Camp Lakodia	256-2265	
Prairie Village	256-3644	
Lk Herman State Pk	256-5003	
Swimming Pool	256-7530	

Ask Officers to Advise any other events such as:

Ball Players	
Dakota Prairie Playhouse	256-5666
St Thomas Rec Center	256-3477
Community Center	256-5837

TO REPORT SIGNIFICANT WEATHER:
1-800-852-9470

CD ALPHA Calls

KJAM	256-4514
AIM HIGH	256-5010
Lakeview Towers	256-2112
Rutland School	586-4352
Colony School	256-7701
Ramona School	482-8244
Madison Christian Sch	427-0109

BUSSINESSES and SCHOOLS on PLECTRON

SCHOOLS

Garfield	Artic Cat
Lincoln	Bethel Nursing Home
Washington	Beverly Enterprises
Middle	East River Electric
High	Falcon Plastic
St Thomas	Gehl
	Madison Hospital
	May & Scofield
	Personna
	Rapid Air
	Rosco

SHELTERS & TRANSPORTATION:

PUBLIC SHELTERS

Downtown Armory
Public Safety Building

TRANSPORTATION

East Dakota Transit	(P) 256-5810 (A)
Madison School	(P) 256-7710 7702 (A)
Chester School	(P) 489-2411 (A)
Rutland	(P) 586-4352 (A)
Oldham/Ramona	(P) 482-8211 (A)