

The Town of Russiaville's **TORNADO WARNING SIREN**

WILL BE IN OPERATION AS OF APRIL 14, 2000

THE SIREN WILL SOUND CONTINUOUS FOR A **"TORNADO WARNING"**
YOU SHOULD SEEK SHELTER UNTIL THE SIREN STOPS!

It should be noted that the siren system is powered only by electricity, however it is on a main feed line. **In the event of a total power failure, the siren will not sound, or could stop during an actual warning.** As always when threatening weather is possible you should monitor local radio, television or NOAA weather radio.

The Russiaville Police Department will be activating the alarm for warnings and tests.

Testing of the tornado siren will occur every Sunday at about 3PM (March through October) and the first Sunday of the month (November, December, January and February) except when Severe Weather is threatening. The test will last about 30 to 45 seconds. Please do NOT call 911.

A "Tornado **Watch**" means that tornado development is **possible**. Keep a watchful eye on the sky for developing weather, and stay tuned to radio, television or NOAA Weather Radio for the latest weather information.

A "Tornado **WARNING**" means a tornado **has been sighted or indicated by weather radar**. Persons in the path of the storm should seek shelter immediately.

If there is a Tornado **WARNING**,

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| At home- | Go at once to the basement, storm shelter, or the lowest level of the building. If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet. Get away from windows. Go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners because they tend to attract debris. Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table and hold on to it. If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere. |
| At work- | Go to the basement or to an inside hallway at the lowest level. Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls. |
| If outdoors- | If possible, get inside a building. If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a building. |
| In a car- | Never try to outride a tornado in a car or truck. Tornadoes can change direction quickly and can lift up a vehicle and toss it through the air. Get out of the vehicle immediately and take shelter in a nearby building. If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the vehicle and lie in a ditch or low-lying area. |

The Russiaville Town Council approved this tornado siren system with hope of giving advanced warning time to the citizens, and with the main goal of saving lives. The Council should be applauded in their initiative. For further information contact the Russiaville Town Hall at 883-5739.

These parties were instrumental in making this project possible: Don Thomas- Kirby Risk, Gary Day- Manufactured new roof hood for siren, Lee's Welding- Platform for siren, Kinder Sign- Crane work, Sipes Electric- Electric wiring and service controls, State of the Art Communications- Radio and pager equipment, Howard County EMA- Technical advise and severe weather pager service, Chuck Rider- Technical advise and engineering also donated electronic equipment and installation, Harrison Fire Department- Donation of the siren. Many thanks to them all.