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Thunderstorm & Tornado Watches/Warnings

WATCH—Conditions are favorable for the development of tornados or thunderstorms in or near the watch box area. Preparedness and situational awareness should be focused on when a severe weather watch is issued.

WARNING—Severe weather is either imminent or occurring. **Immediate action** is required to protect life and property

Preparedness –Severe Weather Preparedness Is *Each Individual's Personal Responsibility.*

The City of Cameron does not have a community storm shelter. If you reside in a trailer or a home without a basement, determine a sheltering location for you and your family prior to a severe weather event. Contact your family, friends, and or neighbors for assistance if necessary.

SIRENS—The City of Cameron has six outdoor warning sirens located throughout the community. These sirens are intended for outdoor warning only and are not meant to be heard indoors. Except for monthly testing, these sirens will **only** sound if there is a tornado warning that will affect the City of Cameron.

The sirens are regularly tested on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. The day and time of testing coincides with the National Weather Service All-Hazards Weather Radio Test. This monthly testing will be canceled if the temperature is below 32° Fahrenheit or if severe weather is forecast.

Other Information Sources—In addition to activating the Outdoor Warning Sirens, Cameron Police also utilizes:

- ☛ Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- ☛ CivicReady (phone message to E911 database)
- ☛ Facebook

- ←Mediacom television subscribers
- ←go to www.cameronmo.com to add phone numbers
- ←follow us at <http://www.facebook/CameronPolice>
- ↑Also go to www.cameronmo.com/police for links

Other Information Resources:

- ☛ All Hazards Weather Radio
- ☛ Smart Phone Apps—ex: iMap Weather Radio
- ☛ Local Media Sources

- ←free weather radio programming at Police Dept.
- ←uses GPS positioning to alert you wherever you are
- ←Radio / TV / and local websites

PREPARE

In A Warning—**IMMEDIATELY** Seek Shelter, **DO NOT** Hesitate!

Immediately seek shelter in a safe location. Do not wait to verify the information; seek shelter first, then begin to verify information and contact friends/family. **DO NOT** call 911 to verify why sirens are sounding. Sirens sound for 3 minute cycles and are then reactivated while the tornado warning is active. There is not an 'all clear' siren or alert. As a rule of thumb, wait at least 30 minutes after the last siren before leaving the safety of your shelter.

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