

		<p><b>MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT</b></p> <p><b>OPERATING PROCEDURES</b></p>	
Weather Alerts		Approved by: Chief Jeffrey A. Rolfe	
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**A. AS OF THIS DATE TORNADO WARNINGS SHALL BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Gather information from:
  - (a) National Weather Service
  - (b) Town of East Troy Police
  - (c) Eagle Fire Department
  - (d) Village and/or Town of Mukwonago Police
  - (e) Red Cross Tornado Spotters
  - (f) Any Additional Resources
  
2. The dispatcher will activate the warning sirens for one cycle (3-4 minutes). After one cycle, the sirens will automatically cancel. Sirens will be sounded when any of the following is observed.
  - (a) A tornado on the ground which is an immediate threat to the community;
  - (b) A funnel cloud aloft posing an imminent threat to the community reported by a reliable source;
  - (c) High winds or large hail causing property damage and posing an immediate threat to health and safety; or
  - (d) Fire or Police Officials determine that weather conditions are posing a threat to the health, safety and property of residents.

3. When sirens are activated, the activating dispatch center will send out a TIME teletype message to Southeastern Wisconsin Law Enforcement Agencies advising of its siren activation.
4. When warning sirens have been activated, alert for the Mukwonago Fire Department and provide information that has been gathered. Announce **“Mukwonago Fire Department a tornado warning has been issued for (give duration of warning)” or “Mukwonago Fire Department a tornado has been sighted (give location and direction if possible)”**
5. The dispatcher on duty may also alert the Fire Department through a page tone with pertinent weather information. An example would be to announce that a severe thunderstorm warning has been issued for our area and then provide details of the watch or warning.
6. Upon receipt of weather related information, department members have the option of responding non-emergency to the station to provide assistance or to wait out the storm at their residence. Department members are encouraged to gather additional information from Fire Department communications equipment, radio and TV. Calling dispatch during a storm incident is discouraged due to the added telephone and communications traffic that this type of incident generates. Calling dispatch with a true emergency supercedes the above information.
7. The officer in charge will have the option to move vehicles out of the station or wait out the storm.

Chief of Department