

Storm Sirens

To better ensure the notification of the visitors and citizens of the City of Camden of dangerous weather, the following will be guidelines for the use and testing of storm sirens in the City of Camden. Storm sirens are only intended to warn persons who may be outside and who are not able to be notified of severe weather by regular means, such as weather radio or the news media.

Training of Personnel:

As the National Weather Service provides weather spotting classes free of charge on an annual basis, all emergency personnel will be encouraged to attend a weather spotting class. This training is necessary so that emergency personnel will be better equipped to accurately recognize dangerous weather conditions and better protect our visitors and the citizens of the City of Camden.

Activation:

Upon receipt of notification of imminent severe weather (Severe Thunderstorm Warning or Tornado Warning) from Camden County dispatch, the Camden County Emergency Management Director, and/or the National Weather Service; Police and Fire personnel will be notified so that they can monitor weather conditions around the City of Camden.

1. If emergency personnel observe conditions that indicate the possibility of a tornado forming, or observe a tornado approaching the City of Camden, Camden County dispatch will be immediately notified so that the storm sirens can be activated.
2. If notification is received from the National Weather Service that their radar indicates rotation, a tornado, or the possibility of a tornado is approaching the City of Camden, Camden County dispatch will be notified so that the storm sirens can be activated.
3. If weather conditions are observed that indicate winds of 70 mph or greater, Camden County dispatch will be notified so that the storm sirens can be activated.

Just the issuance of a Severe Thunderstorm Warning/Watch or a Tornado Warning/Watch for Camden County is **NOT** sufficient for the activation of the storm sirens.

Testing:

To insure that the storm sirens are functioning properly, a monthly test will be performed to check their operation.

The normal monthly test will be performed on the 1st Tuesday of the month between 10:00 am and 11:00 am in conjunction with the monthly testing of the other storms sirens in the county. The testing will be postponed if severe weather is imminent at the time of the test.

Any failure of the storm sirens will be reported as soon as possible to City Hall for repair in order to maintain the readiness of our storm siren warning system.