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**RED OAK FIRE RESCUE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

**SECTION: 3700 /EMERGENCY OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM**

**GUIDELINE: ACTIVATION OF THE OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS**

**ISSUANCE DATE: 01-23-07**

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**This SOG is a general guideline. For more details see the City of Red Oak Emergency Management Plan, specifically Annex A Warning.**

**DEFINITIONS**

**Outdoor Warning Sirens:** Electronic devices that create an audible signal intended to warn individuals to seek immediate shelters that are outside.

**SIREN SYSTEM PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Outdoor Warning Siren System is to alert individuals of impending threats due to tornados, severe wind conditions or enemy attack. The system is not intended to be used as a warning of impending flooding or to indicate an all clear condition.

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS PROCEDURES**

Red Oak Police and Fire Communications Center is the Local Warning Point (LWP). The LWP may receive warning notifications in numerous ways including TLETS and the National Weather Service. Red Oak Police and Fire Communications Center will disseminate emergency information and warnings to the appropriate emergency response personnel. Local officials may request that the LWP take specific actions or advise the LWP that they will take certain actions in response to the warning.

**WARNING SYSTEM ACTIVATION CRITERIA**

The warning sirens will be activated when:

1. A tornado is sighted by Red Oak spotters.
2. A tornado is sighted by spotters in a neighboring city and direction of movement indicates a threat to the City of Red Oak.
3. The National Weather Service has issued a Tornado Warning for Red Oak or the immediate area.
4. Commercial TV stations have broadcast a Tornado Warning for Red Oak.
5. Destructive winds in excess of 70mph or higher.
6. Reported Hail of 1.75 to 2 inches in diameter or greater
7. If any of the following cities activate their sirens: Cedar Hill, Duncanville, Lancaster, Glenn Heights, or Ovilla, Waxahachie, Lancaster, DeSoto.

The LWP is authorized to activate the emergency warning system for a national civil emergency or a situation that poses immediate threat to life. For other emergency situations, one of the following individuals will determine the need to sound the warning system: The LWP will only activate the EWS under the direction of the following:

1. The Fire Chief.
2. The Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal/EMC
3. The Police Chief
4. The Police Lieutenant's
5. Fire Shift Commander/Police Shift Commander

The City Manager/Mayor should be notified when the siren system is activated or when there is an imminent threat to the City of Red Oak.

### **MONTHLY TESTING**

Outside Early Warning Siren test will be conducted on the first Wednesday of each month. Outside EWS will not be tested during periods in which severe weather is possible, so as to avoid confusion between severe weather and testing.

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A large, semi-transparent watermark of the Red Oak Fire-Rescue logo is centered on the page. The logo is a shield-shaped emblem with a red border. Inside, there is a blue field with a white star and a white fire hydrant. Below the hydrant, the words "FIRE-RESCUE" are written in large, bold, white capital letters. The background of the shield is split into red and blue sections.