

STEELE COUNTY WEATHER **TORNADO WARNING**

- **IMMEDIATELY ACTIVATE THE SIRENS FOR THE IMPACTED AREA(S) WHEN THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TRAINED SKYWARN SPOTTERS OR LAW ENFORCEMENT INDICATE THAT SIRENS SHOULD BE ACTIVATED. ****A WARNING FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS YOUR AUTHORIZATION TO ACTIVATE SIRENS******
 - On Steele County Main Frequency (SL-SCLE MAIN) announce: **“Dispatch to all units and stations, emergency traffic only for weather-siren activation. Emergency Traffic Only.”**
 - From the Weather Tab on the Radio Screen, choose the appropriate ALERT page(s) for the specified area(s):
 - **SL-OW ALERT GRP (OWATONNA)**
 - **SL EL ALERT (ELLEDALE AND HOPE)**
 - **SL-BR ALERT (BLOOMING PRAIRIE)**
 - **SL-ME ALERT (MEDFORD)**
 - **– OR –** page **SL-ALERT** to activate **ALL** sirens in Steele County.
 - FYI** - The sirens are programmed to cancel on their own, no need to manually cancel them from dispatch!
 - Confirm siren activation with each agency in the county or the specific area(s) affected. If the sirens did not sound, refer to the Civil Defense Tab in this manual for further instructions (**BACKUP INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIREN ACTIVATION – STEELE COUNTY**).
 - The following two messages can be multi selected and completed together:
 - On the Steele County Main Frequency (SL-SCLE MAIN) announce:
 - **“Attention all units and stations in Steele County-The National Weather Service has issued a **TORNADO WARNING** for Steele County including the cities of (insert cities in affected area: Owatonna, Ellendale, Blooming Prairie or Medford) from now until ____.” (REPEAT)**
 - On the Steele County Fire Frequency (SL-SCFD MAIN) page **SL-WARNING** button, grab the page, and announce:
 - **“Attention all units and stations in Steele County-The National Weather Service has issued a **TORNADO WARNING** for Steele County including the cities of (insert cities in affected area: Owatonna, Ellendale, Blooming Prairie or Medford) from now until ____.” (REPEAT)**
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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILL SEND OUT THIS NOTIFICATION ON IPAWS AND EVERBRIDGE. IF ADDITIONAL CITIZEN NOTIFICATION IS REQUESTED TO OUR AREA, REFER TO THE IPAWS AND/OR EVERBRIDGE CITIZEN NOTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS TABS IN THIS MANUAL.

IF THE AUTOMATED EVERBRIDGE WEATHER ALERTS ARE DOWN REFER TO THE EVERBRIDGE TAB IN THIS MANUAL TO MAKE A MANUAL NOTIFICATION.

IF THE AUTOMATED WEA IPAWS FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS DOWN REFER TO THE IPAWS TAB IN THE MANUAL TO MAKE A MANUAL WEA NOTIFICATION.

IF THERE IS SEVERE DAMAGE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY OR CITIES OR IF THERE IS A NEED TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC), REFER TO THE EOC TAB IN THIS MANUAL.