

OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM

JIM WELLS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ALICE OPERATE 8 OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS. ONE (1) IS LOCATED SOUTH OF ALICE IN THE BEN BOLT – GREEN ACRES AREA, SIX (6) ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF ALICE AND ONE (1) IS LOCATED IN THE TECOLOTE AREA NORTH OF ALICE ON COUNTY ROAD 120, WEST OF HIGHWAY 281. THESE SIRENS ARE TO ALERT CITIZENS WHEN THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF SEVERE WEATHER APPROACHING OR A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY. THEY ARE ACTIVATED AND MONITORED FROM A COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF ALICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

WHEN THE SIRENS ARE ACTIVATED EVERYONE MUST MOVE INDOORS AND TUNE IN TO LOCAL RADIO, TELEVISION OR PHONE AND/OR COMPUTER APPS, ALONG WITH OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION RESOURCES. IN SEVERE WEATHER MOVE TO A SMALL STURDY ROOM WITH A BATTERY POWERED RADIO.

SIRENS PRODUCE DIFFERENT TONES THAT TELL WHAT KIND OF EMERGENCY WE ARE DEALING WITH.

THE WAIL TONE: IS USED TO ALERT THE PUBLIC OF SEVERE WEATHER AND WILL SLOWLY RISE TO ITS PEAK AND DECLINE TO ITS MINIMUM REPEATEDLY FOR THREE MINUTES. THIS WARNING WILL BE USED FOR TORNADO WARNINGS. SEEK SHELTER IN THE STRONGEST PART OF YOUR HOME. LISTEN OR LOOK FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT TO DO ON RADIO, TV, WEATHER RADIO AND SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS.

THE FAST WAIL TONE: IS USED TO ALERT THE PUBLIC OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILLS. IN THIS CASE, THE SIRENS MAY NOT BE ACTIVATED IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY AND CITY. THEY WILL ONLY BE ACTIVATED IN THE AREA AFFECTED. INTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN ON RADIO, TV, SOCIAL MEDIA OR POSSIBLY DOOR TO DOOR BY EMERGENCY WORKERS TO EVACUATE OR TO TAKE SHELTER IN YOUR HOME. UNTIL YOU ARE ADVISED TO EVACUATE, CLOSE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS, SHUT OFF YOU'RE A/C UNITS, BRING IN CHILDREN AND PETS. THIS SIREN WILL ALSO SOUND FOR THREE (3) MINUTES.

THE STEADY TONE: IS THE TONE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT THE DANGER HAS PASSED AND IT IS SAFE TO COME OUT OF YOUR HOMES. INSTRUCTIONS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN ON RADIO, TV AND SOCIAL MEDIA. THIS STEADY TONE WILL ALSO SOUND FOR THREE (3) MINUTES.

THESE WARNING SIRENS ARE TESTED MONTHLY ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 12 PM (NOON) FOR 1 MINUTE. KUKA 105.9 FM, KOPY 1070 AM AND 92.1 FM WILL ANNOUNCE THE TONE AS A TEST WITH NO ACTION BEING NECESSARY.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEMS WITH CHILDREN SO THEY CAN TAKE PROPER ACTION SHOULD THEY HEAR THE SIRENS NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN IN PLACE AT YOUR HOUSE BEFORE AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY HAPPENS. MAKE SURE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT TO DO AND GO OVER IT REGULARLY SO EVERYONE STAYS PREPARED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM, CONTACT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR LYNN KIRCHOFF AT 361-668-1018 OR EMAIL HIM AT JWC-EMC@CO.JIM-WELLS.TX.US.