

STORM SIREN

STORM SIREN TESTING IS THE
FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY
MONTH AT 10 A.M.

THREE TONES WILL BE TESTED

REFER TO THE SIREN
DIRECTIONS ATTACHED TO THIS
COMMUNICATION

Storm Siren

Several people have asked about information concerning the City Siren. Hopefully this article will explain the steps taken to sound the alarms, the standards or criteria which needs to be met, who sets the alarm off, and the procedures that the public needs to be aware of when the alerts are given.

First, the siren is capable of sounding three separate alarms. The first and most frequently used sound is the long constant blast signaling one of three possibilities. A tornado has been sighted by a spotter, the national weather service has issued a doppler indicated tornado, or the weather service has issued a severe thunderstorm warning in our area or heading in our area capable of winds in excess of **58** miles an hour. The siren is warning everyone to take shelter and stay alert to changing weather conditions. This alarm is activated at two locations, City Office or Fire house, along with Police and Fire personnel having the capability to activate it remotely with their portable radios. All the spotters in our area are basic volunteers who place themselves at risk gathering the information necessary to make the decision to activate the alarm.

The second alarm sounds much like a police car or fire truck siren. This signal is sounded in the event of a needed evacuation of the Village or specific part of the Village. If this alert is heard, turn your radios to WROY/WRUL for further instructions. The information will advise the residence which part of the Village needs to evacuate and which direction to travel. It may instruct residence to "Shelter in place". This simply means to stay inside your home, turn off all fans, air-conditioners, etc., anything that will draw air into your home. One may consider sealing the bottoms of doors, around windows, vents, and etc..

The third alarm is if there is a major concern at Spectra Energy or Enterprise Resources. It will sound like the European police or ambulance siren which we have all heard in movies or on the news. Again, when this alarm is heard, tune to WRUL/WROY for special instructions.

Please keep in mind that most of the people who set off the alarms are volunteers doing their best to keep the residents of Norris City safe. There will be times that it will seem to be too early or too late or unnecessary, but a decision is made on the information received immediately before you hear the siren. Everyone will agree that it is better to be safe than sorry.

Village of Norris City

Storm Siren

Tone #1: Long constant tone

Tornado or winds in excess of 58 mph

National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning or high winds warning.

Trained weather spotter has sighted tornado in the immediate area of Norris City.

Law Enforcement Officer has observed a tornado in the immediate area.

Action

Take shelter in appropriate area. (interior room, basement, closet, etc.)

Tone #2: Sounds like a police or fire truck siren

Evacuate a portion of or possibly the entire town

Severe gas leak, incident involving Hazardous Materials, etc.

Action

Tune to WROY/WRUL radio for instructions.

Follow instructions in an immediate and orderly manner.

Avoid sight-seeing.

Tone #3: High & low pitches like European ambulance

Emergency at Spectra Energy/Enterprise Resources

Action

Tune to WROY/WRUL radio for instructions.

Follow instructions in an immediate and orderly manner, avoid sight-seeing.