

TOWN OF OAK GROVE STORM SIREN POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Who is responsible for sounding the siren?

It will be the responsibility of the Oak Grove Police Chief or the Oak Grove Fire Chief to activate the storm siren after notifying the Town of Oak Grove Mayor.

The Police Chief and Fire Chief will have backup police officers and fire department personnel in case of their absence. Before a secondary officer can activate the siren the officer shall notify their chief before any action.

If the officer can not make contact with their chief they are to notify the other department chief before any action is taken. If the police chief or the fire chief is unavailable the officer shall make contact with the mayor of the Town of Oak Grove before any action is taken.

When should the siren be activated?

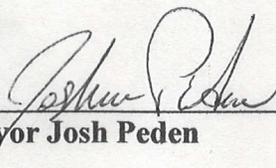
Sirens are sounded when the National Weather Service observes conditions on radar that indicate a possible tornado has developed or is likely to develop and has issued a Tornado Warning. Sirens may also be activated when the Chief of Police or Fire Chief during a Thunder Storm Warning has been issued with winds near or in excess of 70 mph or when instructed to by the Mayor of Oak Grove.

How to activate the siren?

The siren should sound for 3-5 minutes one time for a Severe Storm Warning or Tornado Warning and every 15 minutes if the path of the tornado is heading for the area of Oak Grove and or tornado is spotted on the ground otherwise the siren should only sound once for 3-5 minutes if a warning is in Carroll County. In the event that it appears likely a tornado will strike Oak Grove, the siren will sound continuously until the threat is clear.

What should emergency services for the Town of Oak Grove do?

During the activation of the storm siren all emergency personnel shall make contact with their department heads to get further instructions. If feasible all personnel should report to the fire department or the police station for instructions.



Mayor Josh Peden

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