

SIoux COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY



SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK – 2010

Iowa Severe Weather Awareness Week 2010- Will take place April 5-April 9, 2010.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is an awareness campaign with a long history in Iowa. Each spring the National Weather Service, the Iowa Emergency Management Division, and county emergency management officials, conducts Severe Weather Awareness Week to promote severe weather safety to the citizens of Iowa. In 2010, the National Weather Service will issue Public Information Statements twice daily during Severe Weather Awareness Week. A different topic will be discussed each day.

Monday, April 5 – Flash Flooding

Tuesday, April 6 – Hazardous Weather Warnings

Wednesday, April 7 – Tornadoes/ Statewide Drill

Thursday, April 8 – Severe Thunderstorms

Friday, April 9- Family Preparedness

We would like to invite you to participate in a Tornado Drill that is planned for Wednesday April 7, 2010. The exercise will consist of a tornado watch being issued around 10:00 AM, followed by a warning at about 10:10 AM when the sirens will be activated. If severe weather threatens on Wednesday we will delay the test until Thursday. An all clear will not be issued after the drill. The drill will be concluded at about 10:30 AM. This may be a good opportunity for your agency to complete your own tornado drill.

State and local emergency management officials, along with the National Weather Service, stress the continued need and importance of education and preparedness for severe weather that may affect Iowans. Citizens should remember that a little planning can prevent unnecessary panic and confusion if a severe storm or tornado does strike. Citizens should learn the warning signals used for their community and put together an emergency storm kit that includes candles, matches, a transistor radio, flashlight and simple first aid kit.

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