

# **JASPER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

## **SEVERE WEATHER NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES**

A **TORNADO WATCH** means the conditions are right for severe weather/tornadoes-

“WATCH” for changing weather conditions. Think about action plans.

A **TORNADO WARNING** means an actual TORNADO/FUNNEL CLOUD HAS BEEN SEEN. Implement action plans! Seek shelter!

1. Sheriff's Dept./City Police receive notification from Nat. Weather Service.
2. Sheriff's Dept./City Police notify officers and 911 Dispatch sends out phone message via Global Connect to Jasper Co. Executive Board phone numbers. If or when the severe weather becomes a TORNADO WARNING, the Sheriff's Dept. will activate the Outdoor Warning Sirens.
3. Fair-Board President Delmar Jordan Jr. sends out radio message to each Barn/Building Supt/Campsite as well as other Executive Board members.
4. Each Barn/Building Supt. has the responsibility to see that people in that barn get the message and immediately act accordingly. Copies of the Shelter Plan and Evacuation Plan shall be posted in each building as well as at the Fair Office.
5. The Executive Board will also request the Fair Office personnel to announce the weather issue via the speakers so that the message/instructions are heard throughout the Fairgrounds.
6. Each 4-Her/parent will be given a copy of the Shelter and Evacuation procedures by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. 4-H Leaders shall discuss plans with each 4-Her at last meeting before Fair. Information will be emailed or mailed to all 4-H Leaders & 4-Hers marked “Important-need to read”.
7. Assumptions:
  - a. The Fair Office shall monitor weather websites such as [accuweather.com](http://accuweather.com) and be prepared to supply information to the Executive Board.
  - b. The Fair Office shall monitor the weather radio daily until closing and thereafter with one of the Executive Board Members at their Campsite. That member shall return it to the Fair Office upon opening the next day (that way it can be monitored 24/7).
  - c. The Fair Office personnel shall keep Executive Board informed at all times and a member of the Executive Board will be available 24/7 to make announcements over intercom system as needed.
8. Once Severe Weather has passed, sirens will deactivate and Global Connect will send an “all clear” message. Shelters will be cleared.