

## From The Desk of Emergency Management Director

**Tornado Siren:** During the storm season the City of Cleveland implements the monthly Outdoor Warning Siren tests on **second Wednesday of each month at noon**, unless inclement weather is forecast. Two separate siren wails will be tested. The first wail is a *steady* sound warning citizen of an approaching tornado; the second is a *fast wail*, which warns citizens of an emergency situation where further information will be provided to citizens. Officials emphasized that the system is only to inform people who are outside and is not designed to be heard indoors. Residents are urged to buy a weather radio for inside homes and businesses.

### Tornado Safety Tips

Protect yourself & family from a tornado by learning the safest places to seek shelter.

You can see more info at <https://stormaware.mo.gov/>

### Guidelines for helping you & your family prepare for severe weather:

Develop a severe weather plan and have frequent drills.

PLAN AHEAD - KNOW WHERE TO GO!!

Make special provisions for disabled or elderly family members.

If your home doesn't have a basement, seek shelter in one of Cleveland's safe areas or ask a neighbor to share their basement with you & your family if they have one.

(Safe Areas listed below)

If you are uncertain about the safe areas that you can go to, please call City Hall (816-618-3412) or the Fire Department. (816-618-3998)

Remember: Basements offer the best protection.

If you do not have time to safely travel to a safe area and you do not have a basement, you should use interior rooms or hallways on the lowest floor and away from windows.

### Safe Areas

Cleveland Community Building Basement – 211 Main Street

First Baptist Church – 420 West Main Street

Cleveland Christian Church - 303 West Main

