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Delaware County—All-County Tornado Drill

March 1 - 7 is "Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week" in Ohio. Delaware County Emergency Management Agency is encouraging all governmental entities, schools, businesses, and citizens in the county to exercise their tornado safety plan during the statewide drill on Wednesday, March 4, at 9:50 a.m. Delaware County will conduct the drill by contacting all county employees by email alert or overhead paging.

The county CodeRed system will not be initiated since this is a drill. If by chance a real notification of a tornado warning is necessary, the drill will be canceled and the CodeRed system will be initiated. The CodeRed system is an Emergency Notification System which allows government entities to contact citizens in the event of an emergency in their area. Since the **CodeRED®** system works on geographical location, citizens enter their address, city, and zip code, as well as landline and cell telephone numbers, to register. If there is any type of emergency situation in Delaware County, we can notify the residents as a whole or in a particular area only. Please visit the Delaware County website at www.delaware.co.oh.us to register your land or cell telephone numbers with CodeRed to ensure receiving all emergency and/or weather warnings.

Please remember that the safest place during a tornado is in a basement or windowless interior room on the lowest level of the home or business. Keep all windows and doors closed to prevent injury from flying debris. For those who live in mobile homes, always plan to seek safe shelter in another location well in advance of the severe weather.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Delaware County Emergency Management Agency at (740) 833-2180.