



Emergency Outdoor Warning System (Sirens) Activation

Purpose

The City of New Berlin's Primary outdoor warning system is the **Emergency Alerting System (Sirens)**, positioned in nine (9) strategic locations throughout the City. The primary purpose for this system is to alert the public (when outdoors) to severe weather either approaching and/or affecting the municipality, and to seek shelter immediately. Information prompting the activation of the system can come from several sources, not limited to the National Weather Service, County, State or Federal Agencies and local Public Officials.

Activation Procedures

The Emergency Alert system will be activated through the New Berlin Emergency Operations Center and/or remotely by Emergency Management staff and/or New Berlin Fire Station #1 when the following conditions are present:

Tornado Warning-

A tornado has been visually confirmed and/or a tornado warning has been issued indicating that the City of New Berlin is in the path of an approaching tornado or whenever any reported tornado sighting within the city is confirmed.

High Winds-

When it has been visually confirmed that severe/damaging winds will be impacting the City of New Berlin and/or the National Weather Service has issued a severe storm/high wind warning indicating those winds monitored with gusts at 58+ mph.

EM Director, Deputy Director, Fire and/or Police Chief Discretion-

In the event of a situation, where the above individuals determine it necessary to activate the system for purposes of providing public warning to imminent danger. Notification to activate can also be provided by the shift Supervisor-in-charge of the New Berlin Police Department and/or Fire Department.

Civil Defense-

Any situation defined by the Federal Government as a threat to national security and the safety of the American public.

System Testing

Unless notified in writing by the Emergency Management Director or Deputy Director the New Berlin Emergency Alert System (Sirens) will be activated at 1000 hours for system testing every Thursday starting on the first Thursday in April through the first Thursday in October. If severe weather is threatening the area, the test will be suspended.