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Outdoor Warning Siren Assessment Guide

This document is intended to provide guidance to those assessing the functionality of an outdoor warning siren. Routine tests of the outdoor warning siren system are conducted on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 a.m. from March through October. Tests may be delayed, postponed, or cancelled if temperatures are too cold or if severe weather is in the area. **This guide, the siren report, and the siren location map are all accessible from www.sarpy.gov/alerts.**

Siren Assessment Steps

1. Allow yourself plenty of time to safely travel to the siren prior to the start of the test.
2. Assess the site, look for anything that may adversely affect the siren’s operation or effectiveness.
3. Check the antenna for any noticeable damage. Only the smaller antennas are in use (Examples 7/8).
4. Position yourself so that you have a clear view of the siren. When the test begins, listen to and observe the siren. The siren should be active for approximately three minutes.
5. After the test has ended, complete and submit the siren report (see the highlighted text above).

Examples of Siren Equipment Found in Sarpy County



Example 1
Non-Rotating Siren



Example 2
Non-Rotating Siren



Example 3
Non-Rotating Siren



Example 4
Rotating Siren



Example 5
Rotating Siren



Example 6
Rotating Siren



Example 7
UHF Antenna



Example 8
UHF Antenna



Example 9
Obsolete Antenna

