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Hamilton County EMHSA Cancelling January Siren Test

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO – Due to prolonged extreme cold temperatures and in an effort to limit the risk of damaging siren equipment, the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (EMHSA) will not be testing the Outdoor Warning Sirens on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018**. The next monthly scheduled test will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

Although the regularly-scheduled January siren test is cancelled, if the need arises for the sirens to be activated, the sirens will be utilized per agency guidelines of operation.

Basic criteria for cancelling the activation of the Outdoor Warning Sirens include:

1. Extreme cold, freezing rain/drizzle, and/or icing that may damage the equipment.
2. Presence of severe weather (or potential severe weather) occurring in the local area, which may cause confusion as to whether the activation is a real event.

There are four basic criteria to activate the sirens:

1. The National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning for all or part of Hamilton County,
2. A trained and certified weather spotter reports a tornado;
3. A tornado is reported by a local public safety official; or
4. A dangerous situation occurs which requires citizens to seek shelter immediately.

For additional information on the Outdoor Weather Siren System, please visit the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency website at: www.hcready.org.

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