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Hamilton County EMHSA Testing of Outdoor Warning Siren System

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO – The Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (EMHSA) will conduct the regular monthly test of the Outdoor Warning Siren System on **June 6, 2018 at 12:00pm**. In addition, as a means of continuously improving the service of the siren system, EMHSA will perform a series of maintenance checks on the sirens **between 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm today**. These short maintenance checks will result in brief soundings of the sirens. **Testing will be concluded by 1:30 pm.**

As a reminder, the outdoor warning sirens in Hamilton County are tested the first Wednesday of each month at noon unless inclement weather is imminent.

There are four basic criteria to activate the sirens:

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

For additional information on severe weather safety and preparedness, visit the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency website at: www.hcready.org.

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