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Tornado Warnings Issued in Hamilton County

Hamilton County, OH - On **March 19, 2020 at 9:09 PM**, the National Weather Service issued a Tornado Warning for Hamilton County, Ohio. In accordance with Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency (EMHSA) policy, the Outdoor Warning Siren System was activated, notifying the public to immediately seek safe shelter indoors. The siren system was activated by the Hamilton County Communications Center (HCCC) at approximately **9:14 PM**. Because there were no preceding severe weather alerts, such as a Severe Thunderstorm Watch/Warning or a Tornado Watch, Hamilton County EMHSA Duty Officers initiated the backup siren system procedure, in which the shift supervisor at the HCCC activated the sirens.

It is vitally important to have multiple ways to receive severe weather alerts and warnings. By signing up for Alert Hamilton County, the public can sign up to receive up to 43 weather notifications, including Tornado Warnings, directly to their phone or email inbox. Visit www.alerthc.org to sign up for alerts.

For additional information about the Outdoor Warning Siren System, please visit: www.hcready.org.

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