

## **VILLAGE OF ALSIP Warning System**

The Village of Alsip Civil Defense and Disaster Warning System consists of two sirens. One is located in the phone company garage area at 129<sup>th</sup> and Pulaski. The other unit is located at the Southwest corner of the Commonwealth Edison property at 118<sup>th</sup> and Cicero. The signal is associated with disaster warnings. The siren emits high and low tones to achieve the signal.

A sustained double tone (high and low together) is the alert signal used for tornado warnings.

The alert signal is tested for one minute (1) on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. The following is suggested as a family guide if the alert signal is sounded at an unscheduled time:

1. Turn on the radio or television for more information as to the potential weather hazards or other problems.
2. Alert all members of the family to the potentially dangerous situation and move together to the safe area of the home.
3. While in the safe area, monitor the alert condition on radio until it has been established that the danger has passed.

In the case of severe storm conditions, the signal will not be sounded until it has been established that the Alsip area is actually in the path and the danger is near. As an example, this will be done when a tornado watch has changed to a tornado warning for the immediate area. For your information, please read the following:

A **Tornado Watch** is issued by the U.S. Weather Bureau for the areas where tornadoes may occur during the next several hours. The size of the average watch area is approximately 100 miles wide and 300 miles long.

A **Tornado Warning** means that a tornado has actually been sighted in the area or its presence has been detected by radar. Following issuance of a "Tornado Warning", persons in the path of the tornado should immediately take safety precautions. The warning will indicate the location where the tornado was sighted, the area through which it is expected to move, and the time periods during which the tornado will move through the area warned.

In the interest of safety and preparedness, be sure to visit the Department of Emergency Preparedness (DEP) webpage on a regular basis. The DEP webpage can be found under the heading "Departments" at the top of the village website. You'll find helpful informational links, messages and alerts.

**Note:** The DEP webpage can be accessed on the Police Department webpage by clicking on the **Emergency Preparedness** link at the top of the page. The DEP webpage can be accessed on the Fire Department webpage as well by clicking on the **ESDA** link at the top of the page.

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