

## Hillsdale County Siren Test Monday, March 6, 2017 at 10:00 am

Our first tornado siren test of 2017 will be on Monday morning, **March 6<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 am**.

During each test, the steady 30-second **TORNADO WATCH** signal will be tested first followed 4 minutes later (+/-) by the up and down signal for the **TORNADO WARNING** which, for the test, will be about 1 minute. **An Actual Tornado Warning signal will be 3 minutes long.** *Please mention whether or not you heard both of these two distinct signals in your report.*

The tornado sirens are activated remotely by radio using the same channel that is used to alert fire departments to their calls. If there is an emergency call in progress we will wait until using the frequency does not interfere with firefighters and their emergency responsibilities. If we cannot test by **10:30 am** we will most likely delay the test until Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sirens are tested once each month on the first Monday of the month from March through October. The March and September tests are scheduled at 10 am to allow schools that are located near a siren to participate in a tornado drill during the tests if they wish to do so. The April, May, June, July, August and October tests are conducted at 6 pm. The September test is always conducted on the second Monday due to Labor Day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know

Thank you,

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