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Severe Weather Week Tornado Drill Wednesday March 28th 2018

(CHICKASAW COUNTY) – Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are one of Iowa's most common hazards. That is why it's important to prepare for these types of emergencies. Do you know what to do when severe weather affects your workplace? How do you know when it is time to seek shelter and where to go? Who gives you the all clear to return to your work area?

These are the types of questions and procedures to be answered with the Annual Tornado Drill scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. This drill is held in conjunction with the National Weather Service. This drill is statewide and all persons, governments and businesses in Iowa are encouraged to participate.

The drill will proceed as follows.

Wednesday March 28:

10:00 am: Tornado Watch (drill) given over NOAA Weather Radio. NO SHELTERING REQUIRED.

10:15 am: Tornado Warning (drill) given over NOAA Weather Radio and the local outdoor warning system. EVERYONE PARTICIPATING WILL PROCEED TO DESIGNATED SHELTERS IMMEDIATELY.

10:30 am: All Clear (drill) given over NOAA Weather Radio. EVERYONE RETURN TO WORK STATIONS. Please note that there will not be an “all clear” signal from the local outdoor warning system.

Watch: A National Weather Service product indicating that a particular hazard is possible, i.e., that conditions are more favorable than usual for its occurrence. A watch is a recommendation for planning, preparation, and increased awareness (i.e., to be alert for changing weather, listen for further information, and think about what to do if the danger materializes).*

Warning: A product issued by National Weather Service local offices indicating that a particular weather hazard is either imminent or has been reported. A warning indicates the need to take action to protect life and property. The type of hazard is reflected in the type of warning (i.e., tornado warning, blizzard warning, etc.).*

*Definitions taken from the National Weather Service Website: <http://www.weather.gov/>

Please make sure you know where your office's shelter location is prior to this drill.

Use the thirty minutes of this exercise to make sure you know where to go, and the steps to take, when severe weather strikes.

*****IF THERE IS ACTUAL SEVERE WEATHER Wednesday, March 28, 2018, THE DRILL WILL BE POSTPONED TO Thursday, March 29, 2018, AT 10 AM.*****

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