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Outdoor Warning Sirens

The Emergency Communications Commission is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the outdoor warning siren system located throughout St. Louis County.

Siren Testing Information

The outdoor warning sirens are tested monthly, weather permitting, on the first Monday of the month at 11:00 AM. There will be a one-minute tone followed by a voice announcement.

Because the outdoor warning sirens are designed to be heard *outside*, we also recommend the use of weather alert radios in homes and businesses.

To report a siren that does not sound during the monthly test or to report an unscheduled siren activation please call the ECC Customer Service Line at <u>314 615-9551</u> or send a detailed email to <u>ecc@stlouiscountymo.gov</u> including your name, address and phone number.

Siren Project

St. Louis County activated a new outdoor warning system in January 2012. The new system has 204 sirens, most located at new sites to more efficiently cover the entire County population. The \$7.5 million system was funded by revenue from an Emergency Communications Sales Tax, which was passed by County voters in November 2009. The \$100 million bond issue will also replace individual police, fire and EMS communications systems, uniting them under one system.

The sirens give instantaneous feedback on their functional status. This feature will reduce the amount of "down time" and provide for quicker repairs. Remember that the outdoor warning sirens are designed to be heard outside. The Office of Emergency Management still recommends that <u>weather alert radios</u> be used inside homes and businesses.

If you have any questions regarding the outdoor warning system, please call the ECC Customer Service Line at <u>314-615-9551</u> or email at <u>ecc@stlouiscountymo.gov</u>.