

NEWS RELEASE

MARCH 9, 2020 | NR #030920007

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Mari Cockerell, Communications Director

Ph: 325.676.6677, Cell: 325.513.9381, Email: mari.cockerell@abilenetx.gov

Citywide tornado drill set for Wednesday, March 18th

ABILENE, Texas – The City of Abilene will issue a mock tornado warning through CodeRED® (free telephone emergency notification system) at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

Residents, businesses, schools, and assisted living/nursing homes are urged to now review their tornado preparedness plan, or create a plan if one isn't already in place, and participate in the drill on March 18th.

The drill is designed to bring attention to the threats posed by weather hazards and reduce the loss of life, injury, and property in the event of severe weather.

It is also recommended that individuals have more than one way to receive weather warnings; such as a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) All-Hazards Radio, public radio and television, and CodeRED® notification. The March 18th drill is also a great time for individuals to make sure their NOAA All-Hazards Radio is correctly programmed to receive warnings from the National Weather Service.

Residents can sign-up for CodeRED® Weather Warning at www.abilenetx.gov or by texting ABITAYTX to 99411.

The March 18th drill will satisfy Abilene's CMS requirement for a citywide exercise. If documentation is needed, please email emergmgt@abilenetx.gov.

For more emergency management resources, visit the City of Abilene Office of Emergency Management at www.abilenetx.gov/eoc.

###

Subscribe to City news and more at www.abilenetx.gov/notifyme.