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TSU Outdoor Warning System

Along with many other communities and universities in Tennessee, TSU has an outdoor warning system. This system consists of two electronic sirens, one near the Operations Building and one near Goodwill Manor. It is activated by the TSU Police Department.

The system is designed only to warn those who are outdoors, primarily about inclement weather. TSU has an internet based system and telephone procedures in place to warn those who are indoors. The National Weather Service, the local news media and some internet companies also do an excellent disseminating warning messages and information.

Those who are indoors who may hear the outdoor warning system are not encouraged to call the TSU Police but to use television, radio or the internet to monitor the weather conditions for themselves.

Below are the weather conditions, the associated warning signal, and the appropriate actions to take when the outdoor warning system is activated:

(more specific instructions can be found at
<http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=2765&ptid=1>)

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: The sirens will sound a pre-recorded voice message announcing that a severe thunderstorm warning has been issued and that those who are outdoors should seek shelter. Those who are outdoors should go indoors. All should begin to monitor the weather conditions.

Tornado Watch: The sirens will sound a pre-recorded voice message announcing that a tornado watch has been issued. All should continue to monitor the weather conditions and make preparations to seek shelter quickly if needed.

Tornado Warning: The sirens will sound a steady tone for three minutes. All should stop normal activities and seek shelter until the warning is over. The National Weather Service announces how long a warning will last and the news media will pass this information along. Please note that Davidson County also has an outdoor warning system siren in Hadley Park which covers part of our main campus. Their system also sounds a steady tone for three minutes.