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March is Severe Weather Preparedness Month

The Mount Prospect Fire Department reminds residents that March is Severe Weather Preparedness month. It is a good time to familiarize yourself with weather terminology and prepare your family in case severe weather strikes.

TERMS TO KNOW

- Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Weather conditions are strong enough to produce severe thunderstorms and capable of producing hail and/or winds 58 mph or greater, and even tornadoes.
- Severe Thunderstorm Warning: A severe thunderstorm has developed and is capable of producing hail and/or winds 58 mph or greater.
- Tornado Watch: Weather conditions are strong enough for severe thunderstorms to produce tornadoes. Listen to a weather radio or watch your local weather channel for more information and be prepared to take shelter.
- Tornado Warning: A severe thunderstorm has either produced a tornado, or radar has indicated low level rotation. Take shelter immediately.

Outdoor warning sirens are located throughout the Village to notify the public of tornado warnings and/or potentially dangerous high winds. Warning sirens are activated by the Village's 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, according to information issued by both the National Weather Service and a private weather service. The primary purpose of warning sirens is to notify individuals who are outdoors at the time of a threat of a probable or imminent tornado and/or potentially dangerous high winds. Warning sirens are not designed to penetrate the walls of homes and businesses, which means you may not always hear them inside your home. For that reason, it is important to have a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio as part of your emergency preparedness plan. For more information on Emergency Preparedness, please visit our website at mountprospect.org and go to Emergency Preparedness listed under the "How Do I" tab.

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