

Shiloh, Illinois . . . Emergency Alerting System

The Village of Shiloh has four sirens strategically located at the Shiloh Municipal Building, Three Springs Park, Willmann Lane, and Rachels Way. Our alerting system is activated by Metro East Communication (MECOMM) at the O'Fallon Police Department. This system is designed to alert residents and visitors of potentially severe weather, including tornado warnings and severe storms with high winds.

Per MECOMM, only one tone is produced by the sirens. Their emergency alert system is activated when the following conditions are present:

Tornado Warning - A tornado has been visually confirmed and/or a tornado warning has been issued indicating that the Village of Shiloh is in the path of an approaching tornado, conditions of an approaching storm exist for the development of a tornado, or whenever any reported tornado sighting within the Village, or nearby community, is confirmed.

High Winds - When it has been confirmed that "Damaging Force" winds will be impacting the Village of Shiloh and/or the National Weather Service has issued a Severe Storm/High Wind Warning indicating damaging force winds. Damaging Force winds are those winds monitored with gusts at 65+ mph.

Activation of the "Emergency Alert System" may be authorized for the previously described public safety threats by any Public Safety employee upon receiving or observing conditions which he/she feels requires the public to be immediately notified of imminent danger. Upon activation of the "Emergency Alert System", all public safety-first responders are notified of the system activation as well as the nature of the threat via a radio/paging system.

The wide variety of variables involved in predicting the weather make it impossible to determine the exact set of conditions necessary for an alert; therefore, we will always error to the side of caution when making the decision to activate the system. That said, we will endeavor to make the most judicious use of the system so that we do not create a climate of complacency.