



## Early Warning Sirens

Shelby County is fortunate to have 26 early warning sirens strategically placed throughout the county for providing people who are outdoors early warning that critical situations are occurring or have the potential to occur. The Shelby County Emergency Management Agency has the responsibility for installation, maintenance, testing and on-going budgetary support (monthly utility charges, etc.) of the sirens.

The early warning sirens are activated for early warning through Shelby County E911 Dispatch. The sirens are primarily activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning. The sirens can also be activated for other critical events upon the orders of the Shelby County Emergency Management Agency, such as a hazardous materials incident.

The intent of the sirens is to notify persons who are outdoors that some kind of event exists that requires them to seek immediate shelter indoors. Additionally, persons should tune in to their weather radio, regular AM/FM radio and/or television to see what event has precipitated the activation of the sirens as well as to find out what instructions emergency officials may have for the public (i.e., shelter-in-place, evacuation, etc.).

Activation of the sirens are made through radio signals sent by Shelby County E911. The sirens are programmed to operate for three minutes and deactivate at the end of that cycle. At this time, the sirens cannot be independently activated, so every siren in the county is heard for every activation.

The sirens require testing to insure they are activating and deactivating properly. Testing is also important to insure that the sirens operating on batteries have the opportunity to properly recharge.

These tests are scheduled to occur at 12:00 noon on every Wednesday. However, if there is an active incident occurring on the fire channel, the test may be postponed until the incident has ended and use of the channel has cleared. In such an instance, you may hear the sirens activate later than usual. Should there be inclement weather in the area or it has been determined that an incident will be on-going, the regular weekly test may be cancelled.

During a test, you can expect to hear the sirens for the full three minute cycle. Shelby County Emergency Management Agency has an aggressive schedule established for personnel to be on site to actually hear the siren and observe its operation. Documentation is maintained of each siren site, test results and any maintenance issues that occur.

Please remember that sirens are electronic in nature and as a result they experience failure on occasion. Additionally, they only give you an alert that a condition exists. They do not tell you what that condition is. It then becomes your responsibility to research through the weather radio or the news media exactly what is occurring. Please **DO NOT** call 9-1-1 to ask about the situation as they are busy handling emergency calls.



## Siren Listing

### Sector 01

- 001- Simpsonville City Hall
- 002- Simpsonville Fire #2
- 003- Persimmon Ridge Golf Course
- 004- Chestnut Grove
- 005- Harrington Mill
- 006- LaGrange Road & Freedoms Way
- 007- Clear Creek Park

### Section 02

- 008- Finchville Ruritan Club
- 009- Pearce Industrial Road
- 010- Commonwealth Bank West
- 011- 5th & Clay
- 012- City Fire #2
- 013- Osprey Cove
- 014- SCHS

### Section 03

- 015- Bagdad Fire #1- Bagdad
- 016- Bagdad Fire #2- Cropper
- 017- Christianburg Baptist Church
- 018- East 60 Fire
- 019- Graefenburg Baptist Church
- 020- Clay Village Baptist Church

### Section 04

- 021- Love's Truck top
- 022- Waddy Baptist
- 023- Harrisonville
- 024- Mt. Eden Fire #1
- 025- Mt. Eden- Ruritan
- 026- Southville