

# Village of Sherman

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## Outdoor Warning Siren System



*An explanation of  
the Outdoor Village  
Emergency Warning  
System*

Provided by:  
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## Sherman Outdoor Emergency Siren System

The Village of Sherman has installed a new emergency outdoor siren warning system replacing a 1960's era system that was unreliable and expensive to maintain. The new system is intended to warn residents, when they are outside, of an impending emergency.

**Alert Warning Signal** - is a five (5) minute steady siren. The sirens rotate when broadcasting a signal and will have a sound that will decrease in volume as it rotates away from you and increase in volume as it rotates toward you. This is still considered a steady siren warning signal. This signal is used during severe weather or other peacetime emergencies such as an evacuation needed due to a hazardous materials incident, etc. When you hear this signal you should take shelter and turn on your radio or television and listen for essential emergency information.

**Attack Warning Signal** - in case of an attack on the homeland, the village warning signal is a five (5) minute wavering siren tone. This signal means that an actual attack against the United States has been detected and that protective actions should be taken immediately.

**SIREN TEST TIMES**  
First Tuesday of each month  
at 10:00 a.m.

**Siren Locations** - the Village outdoor siren system is composed of four sirens which have an approximate range of 1 mile. They are located at:

- Sebring & Old Tipton School Road
- Behind the Library at 2100 E. Andrew Road
- Village Center Rd. at approximately 7.25N
- South of Pine & Woodsmill Dr. intersection

# Know When an Emergency Happens

There are different ways that you will find out that an emergency or disaster is happening. Weather warnings will usually be given on television and radio.

In certain situations, the **village outdoor siren system** may be activated. If so, take shelter and listen to the radio or television for emergency information.

***“The best way of receiving emergency information is through the use of an All Hazard Weather Radio.”***

## National Weather Service Alert Radios

The use of indoor warning systems is necessary since the siren system is intended for outside notifications. Many homes now are built with airtight construction, and the noise of air conditioners, etc. limit your ability to hear the outdoor siren system. A tone activated National Weather Radio (NWR) using the “SAME” (Specific Area Message Encoding) technology is critical to have. The radio is part of an all hazards radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information. These radios are reasonable in cost and every household should have one.

For further information visit the National Weather Service website at:  
***<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/nwrcvr.htm>***

or contact the Village Emergency Management Coordinator at 496-3256

## Definitions To Know

### Watch

A “**severe weather watch**” means a severe storm might develop. The siren system is not activated for severe weather **watches**.

### Warning

A “**severe weather warning**” means that severe weather has already developed, and that you should seek shelter right away.

### Emergency

Dial 9-1-1 for Police, Fire and Medical

### Non-Emergency

Police: (217) 496-3256 or 753-6666  
Fire: (217) 496-2213

### Other Contact Information:

American Red Cross: (217) 787-7602  
Amren-CILCO: (888) 672-5252  
Memorial Med. Cntr: (217) 788-3000  
Menard Electric: (800) 872-1203  
Poison Control: (800) 222-1222  
Sang. Co. Sheriff: (217) 753-6666  
St. John s Hospital: (217) 544-6464  
Village of Sherman: (217) 496-2621  
[www.shermanil.org](http://www.shermanil.org)

### Other:

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