

Village of Crivitz

POLICY

Emergency Warning Siren System

Purpose: The Village of Crivitz is committed to providing for the safety of its citizens and visitors to the greatest extent possible. The Village of Crivitz Emergency Warning Siren System is meant to enhance existing warning systems provided by the media and agencies of federal, state, and county governments. The purpose of this policy is to establish a procedure for activation of the Village of Crivitz Emergency Warning Siren System for testing and public notification of emergencies by siren signals, and for system maintenance.

Procedure

Public Information/Education:

The public shall initially be informed of the procedure outlined in this policy by newspaper publications, insertions with utility bills, posting on the village website, and/or whatever means available to best reach them. Annually thereafter in the spring a notice shall be published in the official newspaper reminding the public of the emergency siren procedure. All notices mentioned shall include a description of the siren signals and what each signal indicates, what they should do when they hear the signals, where to direct questions or obtain information regarding the emergency, and the weekly testing schedule. The public shall be discouraged from attempting to make telephone contact with the Marinette County Dispatch Center or local emergency services for information in an effort to prevent any interruption of response to the emergency. Informational materials regarding weather and other emergencies will be kept in the clerks office for public access and distribution.

Siren Signals

Testing Signal: 15 second continuous blast

Tornado Signal: 10 second continuous blast, 4 seconds silence, repeating for a 3 minute period.

Other Emergency Signal: 3 minute continuous steady blast

Note there is no “all clear” signal. No signal will be given when the emergency is over.

Testing

The Crivitz Police Chief shall be responsible for scheduling all system testing. To assure the system is working properly it shall initially be tested weekly on Fridays at 4:00pm. Public notification shall be provided upon any change to the testing schedule. The test shall consist of remote activation of the test signal from the Marinette County Dispatch Center. Should there be an existing emergency, an impending emergency, or inclement weather likely or expected to produce a weather emergency, the test will not be performed.

Maintenance

The “Emergency Warning Siren System” is to be maintained in working order at all times in accordance with the manufacturers specifications. The Crivitz Police Chief shall oversee the maintenance of the system.

Emergencies

Weather Emergency

The weather signal shall be remotely activated from the Marinette County Dispatch Center upon notification of a tornado warning. A tornado warning is an alert issued by government weather service to warn an area that a tornado may be imminent. It can be issued after either a tornado or funnel cloud has already been spotted, or if there are radar indications that a tornado may be possible. Upon hearing this signal the public should immediately take cover in a place of safety and monitor a NOAA Weather Radio, or if power service is intact a radio station, television station or the village website for information. To avoid interruption of response to the emergency the public is not to attempt to make telephone contact with the Marinette County Dispatch Center or 911 or local emergency services for information regarding the emergency. 911 should only be called if an immediate emergency exists in the home, business, or other location.

Other Emergency

The “Other Emergency” signal shall be remotely activated from the Marinette County Dispatch Center upon notification of and other emergency situation that is or is likely to affect the Village of Crivitz. Such situations may include, but are not limited to hazardous chemical spills, large scale fires, flooding, dam system failure, or natural gas explosions. Upon hearing this signal the public should immediately if power service is intact, monitor a radio station, television station or the village website for information. The Village of Crivitz will make every effort to disseminate information to the public as quickly as possible regarding other emergencies. To avoid interruption of response to the emergency the public is not to attempt to make telephone contact with the Marinette County Dispatch Center or 911 or local emergency services for information regarding the emergency. 911 should only be called if an immediate emergency exists in the home, business, or other location.

Exceptions: Exceptions to this policy may be granted upon affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the Crivitz Village Board.

Date of Board Approval: