



Media Advisory
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Outdoor Warning Sirens Malfunction Update

Lancaster, TX – Based on the widespread impact to the outdoor sirens located in two separate cities, including Lancaster, it has become evident that a person or persons with hostile intent deliberately targeted our combined outdoor warning siren network. The incident occurred at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

Sabotage against a public warning system is more than vandalism. It is a criminal act and those responsible are subject to arrest and prosecution. Accordingly, we have consulted with technical experts who help to operate the outdoor emergency sirens in our area and turned information over to our police for investigation.

The main purpose of outdoor sirens is to alert people who are outside during inclement weather to seek shelter inside. The most important thing that a person can do once they are safely inside is to secure the most current and accurate weather information. The first step should be for all Lancaster residents to sign up for Code Red emergency weather warnings at <http://lancaster-tx.com/>. We then advise our residents to visit the National Weather Service Ft. Worth website at www.weather.gov/fwd/ or listen to the emergency weather radio station NOAA Weather Radio for Texas online. Finally, tune in to weather coverage specific to the Dallas Area on any of our local news broadcasts. We strongly advise Lancaster residents to monitor these weather information sources given the potential for severe weather today and tomorrow.

We will continue to make every effort to safely restore our outdoor siren system and to work with our law enforcement agencies in further investigations. Given this new investigation, we will not be able to comment any further at this point.

We will utilize the CodeRed System, City Website, and all Social Media outlets to remain in communication.

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