



**Media Advisory**  
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**Outdoor Warning Sirens Malfunction Update 3.13.2019**

**Lancaster, TX** – At approximately 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, there was a malicious manipulation of our outdoor warning sirens, which caused the involuntary activation of the sirens in our network. We are working with our neighboring City of DeSoto, which was also impacted, and the appropriate local and federal authorities to ensure the continued integrity of our warning sirens.

It is important to note, while our sirens are a part of our outdoor weather warning system, they are only one part of a potential alert. The main purpose is to alert people outdoors during extreme weather conditions to quickly seek shelter. It is also important that they obtain the most current and accurate weather information available. Our CodeRed emergency weather warning system provides Lancaster residents with immediate targeted National Weather Service warnings at all hours. We encourage all Lancaster residents to sign up for this free service by visiting [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com). Residents may also find helpful weather information via the National Weather Service Ft. Worth website at [www.weather.gov/fwd/](http://www.weather.gov/fwd/) or listen to the emergency weather radio station NOAA Weather Radio for Texas online. Finally, residents may also tune in to weather coverage specific to the Dallas Area on any of the local news broadcasts.

In addition to the CodeRed system, we also utilize our City website and social media outlets to remain in communication with our residents.

The City of Lancaster invites you to “like” the City on [Facebook.com/CityofLancasterTX](https://www.facebook.com/CityofLancasterTX), follow us at [Twitter.com/Lancaster\\_TX](https://twitter.com/Lancaster_TX) or register for weekly e-mail alerts regarding upcoming events on our website at [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com) by clicking on “Notify Me”.

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