

# Severe Weather

*Do you have the right information?*



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING STORM SHELTERS**

The Oswego Disaster Planning Committee has determined that there will **NO LONGER** be any **PUBLIC SHELTERS** within the City of Oswego. If you want to consider an alternative solution and decide to put in a storm shelter you will need a building permit. Applications are available at the City Office at 703 5th Street. There is no charge for the permits but the application must be submitted and approved prior to work beginning. Storm shelters erected inside a home may or may not require a permit. However, it is still important to contact to the City Office to verify whether you need a permit and to give Emergency Personnel information that you are installing a shelter. In the event of a disaster rescue crews will know where they may need to check for persons trapped inside a shelter.

### **EARLY WARNING SYSTEM**

- **Tornado Warning - Alert** A three (3) minute solid siren sound.
- **Public Announcement** - Broadcasted Message

#### **NOTICE: THERE IS NO LONGER ANY SIREN OTHER THAN FOR A TORNADO WARNING!**

The City of Oswego has adopted the Labette County Emergency Management's siren policy in an effort to unify The sirens used for all cities in the county. This policy will eliminate all sirens previously used in Oswego except for the Tornado Warning. The Tornado Watch, All Clear and Fire Sirens will no longer be sounded so that citizens will know if you hear a siren other than during the regular testing time you **NEED TO TAKE COVER!** Oswego now uses the **TORNADO SIREN** during their regular **TESTING** time rather than the fire siren. Testing is done every Monday around Noon if the weather is clear. The warning system is designed to alert persons outside, not persons driving a motor vehicle or who are inside their homes. The sirens will be sounded at the earliest time possible at the event of a Tornado Warning.

### **Don't Wait For A Disaster To Happen...HAVE A PLAN!**

If you have any questions or your organization is interested in having someone speak to your group about the **Early Warning System** **CONTACT** one of these individuals:

Police Chief, **George Elliott at 795-2131**  
Fire Chief, **Donnie Allison at 795-4433.**