



Standard Operating Policy and Procedure Guide

Department Communications	Type Communications	Effective 8/15/11
Number 2.23.1	Topic Weather Updates, Severe	Approvals (A/L) DM/WR

OVERVIEW

Amerimed Communications personnel will monitor weather situations using the NOAA weather radio alerts for counties in our immediate service area and will provide updates as needed to field personnel via two-way radio.

SECTION A

Immediate Service Areas:

ANY AREA WHERE FIELD UNITS MAY CURRENTLY BE TRAVELING

If severe weather alerts are issued for the above locations, Amerimed Communications should notify field personnel in the following manner:

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH

1. Ensure the appropriate radio channel is selected.
2. Announce: "RADIO TO ALL UNITS, BE ADVISED THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS ISSUED A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH FOR (provide accurate county(ies) UNTIL (time of alert expiration). Time out of Amerimed Communications (current time)"

Field units may choose to acknowledge the transmission.

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TORNADO WATCH

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2. Prepare for possible tornado, get a portable radio for dispatching, prepare for a power outage, and consider transferring dispatch lines to a safer location.

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3. Take cover in a safe area of building until the storm has passed.
4. Provide further updates as weather situations require.