

BURLINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE #49

LAPEER COUNTY TORNADO WARNING/SPOTTING

Purpose: To ensure all Burlington Twp. Fire Department members understand their responsibilities when toned for a Tornado Warning in Lapeer County.

Scope: To provide guidance on covering our Fire Protection area in the event of a Tornado Warning and to provide guidance on truck placement within our Fire Protection Area.

1. Members shall report to the station in a non-emergency status, call in route on the Burlington Twp. Fire Department Administrative Channel, and mark yourself as responding in IAR.
2. If the Tornado Siren was not set off by Central Dispatch, refer to Manually Setting Off Tornado Siren (attachment 1).
3. Apparatus will respond to designated locations with two personnel per vehicle if possible. Position apparatus in a safe manner and turn on all Emergency Lights.
4. If no officer is available, the most senior Firefighter will be in charge as I.C. If there is a question of seniority, the driver of the engine will be the I.C. Use the Burlington Twp. Fire Department Administrative Channel for all radio traffic. The I.C. will be the only member to report to Central Dispatch. Keep radio traffic to a minimum.
5. Members will report to I.C. when their apparatus arrives at the designated location. Members will report to I.C. if they observe a funnel cloud (rotating column of wind that has not touched the ground) or tornado.
6. Apparatus Response:
 - a. 15-21 will respond to 5483 Mayville Rd.
 - b. 15-22 will respond to 8038 Jefferson Rd.
 - c. 15-31 will respond to Clifford Rd. between Slattery Rd. and Soper Rd.
 - d. 15-41 will respond to 3003 Clifford Rd.
 - e. 15-51 will remain at the station on standby.
7. Clearing the Scene:
 - a. All apparatus and equipment will be refueled before returning to the station.
 - b. Everyone shall report back to the station for cleanup and After Incident Report.

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