

## BURLINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT

### STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE #50

#### TUSCOLA COUNTY TORNADO WARNING/SPOTTING

**Purpose:** To ensure all Burlington Twp. Fire Department members understand their responsibilities when toned for a Tornado Warning in Tuscola 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 in Koylton Township.

1. The Village of Clifford Tornado Siren will not be set off by Lapeer County Central Dispatch for a Tornado Warning in Tuscola County.
2. Lapeer County Central Dispatch will only activate the Officer tones for the Burlington Twp. Fire Department. A Burlington Twp. Fire Department Officer will contact Lapeer County Central Dispatch to advise if they want the Burlington Twp. Fire Department toned and/or if they want the Village of Clifford Tornado Siren activated.
3. 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.
4. If the Koylton Township Tornado Siren, located on the east side of Phillips Rd. approximately 175 feet south of Snover Rd., was not set off by the National Weather Service, refer to Manually Setting Off Tornado Siren (attachment 1).
5. 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.
6. 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 Lapeer County Central Dispatch. Keep radio traffic to a minimum.
7. 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.

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8. Apparatus Response:
  - a. 15-21 will respond to 5483 Mayville Rd.
  - b. 15-22 will respond to 4151 Clifford Rd.
  - c. 15-31 will respond to the intersection of Phillips Rd. and Snover Rd.
  - d. 15-51 and 15-41 will remain at the station on standby.
  
9. 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.