

Severe Weather Awareness Week

April 24-28, 2017

The week of April 24 – 28, 2017 has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in South Dakota. The National Weather Service along with Kingsbury County Emergency Management would like to encourage you to take part in the state-wide tornado drill Wednesday morning, April 26th. The schedule for the drill is as follows: 10:00 AM the National Weather Service will issue a simulated “Tornado Watch” for South Dakota counties. At 10:15 AM a simulated “Tornado Warning” will be issued. All outdoor sirens will be blown at this time and weather radios will be activated. You will hear a 3-5 minute steady blast from outdoor sirens indicating that you are in imminent danger and need to take cover. At 10:30 AM all watches and warnings will be cancelled. Sirens are not blown to issue an “All Clear”. Schools, Health Care Facilities, Long Term Care Facilities, Businesses, Factories and Individuals should all take time to review and practice your severe weather plans.

When severe weather may be predicted, stay tuned to local radio, television, or the internet to keep informed of what may be approaching. Weather radios are another important tool that can be purchased at most hardware stores. A weather radio will give you current information on approaching severe weather as well as information on flooding, hazardous material incidents, wildfires or terrorist activities. There are also many weather apps that can be downloaded to your phones or computers.

If you have any questions regarding storm safety or storm notification procedures in your community, please feel free to contact Cindy Bau, Kingsbury County Emergency Manager at 605-854-3711.