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ESDA Report to Mayor

& Village Trustees Jan. 19, 2016



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I. On Tuesday Jan. 5, 2016, I took a PL day from ISP to make the interchange between the Motorola CM200 that suffered from variations in RF (transmitted) output, to our repaired "spare" CM200 transceiver with the new tone Mirdian Tone encoder. The test for all of the outdoor warning sirens was conducted at the same date and time of the Statewide FEMA/IEMA outdoor warning siren testing that starts at 10 AM. With the assistance of all of the Public Works department personnel positioned at the five siren locations :

- (1). Model 2T- at Willow & Carina (38-24-49N, 89-53-43W)
- (2). Model 2001T- at Shady Lane & Old Fayetteville Road (38-24-59N, 89-53-18W)
- (3). Model 2001T - at Niebrugge Lane and Cabin Creek (38-26-9N, 89-56-24W)
- (4). Model 2 T- at Deerfield Park
- (5). Model Thunderbolt at the Old Power Plant

II. Illinois Emergency Services Management Association –follow up being made as the yearly insurance and membership renewal forms have not been received by all Freeburg ESDA members. E-mail instead of "bulk" mailing of forms to the ESDA office.

III> Per request of the Village Administrator, submitted the budget information requested that will provide for additional "portable" communications via VHF radio with trustees and the Mayor and administrator for special events (homecoming) and emergencies. The Village has an FCC license with call sign KNGW976 that allows for our 154.100 mhz communications . We use this frequency for all of our ESDA communications during sheltering operations and with the swimming pool during the summer for confirmation of their receipt of severe weather alerts. Our public works department as well as the police and fire department are under mutual agreements to operate on the Village FCC radio license.

The ESDA office also has VHF FM agreements to operate under the District school frequency of 155.235 mhz, St. Clair County VHF FM communications on 155.760 mhz, and we have an IREACH license to communicate with the "other public safety" responders and school buses on this frequency.

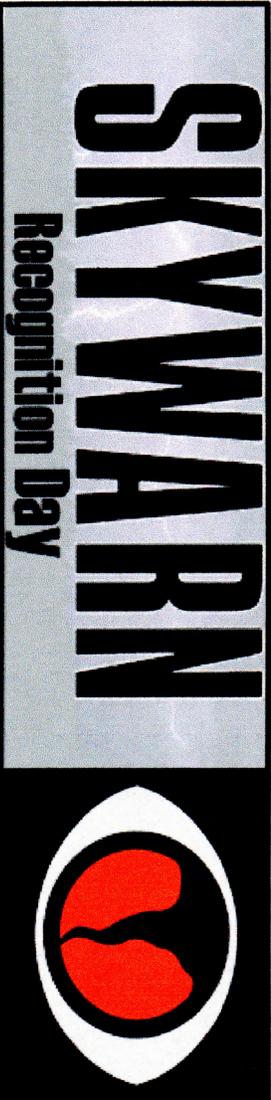
IV. Review of our Village ESDA/EMA Emergency Operations Plan will be targeted for the month of Feb. 2016. Letters will be sent to each of our Public Safety departments to provide updates, corrections, and or modifications to their respective departments for the inclusion in our EOP .

V. FEMA and Homeland Security is continuing on the expansion and modernization of IPAWS to incorporate evolving innovations that allow them to better warn citizens of impending disasters. IPAWS advancement legislation has been approved by the Senate (S.1180). Two IPAWS bills (H.R. 1738 and H.R. 1472) are before the House. AWARN (Advanced Warning and Response Network) may be integrated into IPAWS which would allow a new method for delivering alerts through TV signals using a new HDTV standard. IPAWS involves the cell phone operation of alert notifications. The FCC is considering hanging the regulations that govern Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). WEA is a voluntary program for wireless carriers.

Submitted by Eugene Kramer, Coordinator


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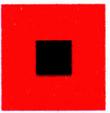
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December 5, 2015



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Texas Tornado's Winds Topped 200 mph; 11 Dead in Storms

BY: The Dallas Morning News | December 27, 2015

(TNS) - A tornado that blew through Garland, Texas, killing eight people Saturday night has been classified as an EF4, with winds up to 200 mph.

It was one of two confirmed tornadoes that tore through North Texas in a storm that killed 11 people, including an infant. The National Weather Service confirmed that the tornado that touched ground in Rowlett was an EF3.

The Garland tornado was only the second recorded EF4 in Dallas County. A classified EF4 on May 9, 1927, killed 15 people and injured 40 others.

Authorities across the area were still documenting the damage Sunday morning and meteorologists were working to confirm just how many tornadoes touched down across North Texas. Eleven were reported, including the one in Rowlett. The reported tornadoes started as far south as Hillsboro and moving north toward Blue Ridge and northeast to Sulphur Springs.

"I don't know if it was one tornado or several," said meteorologist Matt Bishop. "We're trying to figure it all out."

Residents and rescue workers continued to work Sunday morning, battling early heavy rain and the forecast of more downpours in the afternoon.

About 600 buildings in Garland were damaged, many of them completely leveled. Those include businesses and multifamily residences, but most were single-family homes.

"It is total devastation," police spokesman Lt. Pedro Barineau said.

Tina Kong, 39, and her husband, Andy Kong, 40, of Garland, were watching a movie and eating dinner with their three children and four adult relatives when the storm hit. They had received the notification about the tornado watch on their cellphones, but they weren't too worried.

"Normally, when you get something like that you think it's not going to be here," Andy Kong said. "It'll go somewhere else."

But within 30 minutes, a bright blue flash illuminated the room through the windows – which Andy believes was a transformer that exploded. Tina rushed to the door and opened it, and saw debris flying upward. She quickly slammed the door and grabbed her baby.

The family huddled under their couch, which they turned sideways, as their roof was swept away. Tree branches fell into the living room.

"Whoa, is that for real?" Andy Kong recalled thinking.

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