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PUBLIC NOTICE

To the Citizens of The Town of Princeton and Surrounding Area:

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The Community Warning System (CWS) is our local system consists of 3 sirens that will sound different tones for fire alarms and public notification of an emergency situation. The sirens are an additional layer in the multi-tiered approach for communicating emergency information to our citizens.

Following Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines, the sirens will sound a continuous tone for 3 minutes for a tornado warning and a short 60 second alternating high-low tone for a fire alarm. The sirens may also be activated in the event of a train derailment or hazardous material spill that could impact the public, by requiring evacuation or sheltering in place. As with a weather-related emergency, seek shelter immediately and turn on your radio or television for information.

When the sirens sound the public notification warning, the first reaction must be to go inside and listen to the media. In case of an emergency situation, the authorities will issue important information, particularly through the media. It is extremely important that you incorporate other alerting methods such as:

- NOAA Weather Alert Radio (available at Online, Wal-Mart, etc.)
- Subscribe to free e-mail and text message alerts from local media news service providers and/or Johnston County Emergency Notification System (JOCO Alert)
- Monitor the weather conditions from local media news services (television and radio)

The sirens will be activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning within the surrounding area or when a tornado is spotted or reported by a public safety official within our area. The addition of the siren helps officials better inform those who are outside in their yard, at the park, sporting events or are driving in the surrounding area.

The sirens will also be activated when the fire department has been dispatched to an emergency. Our 911 dispatch center will notify our full volunteer membership of the call via radio, but the sirens provide an important backup against inactivation of the pagers due to various reasons. When you hear the fire siren, say a prayer for those in need of assistance and for those volunteers rushing to render aid.

Thank you,

Adam Stanley

Adam Stanley, CFO
Fire Chief

