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## **2016 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Drill – Thursday, April 14**

The National Weather Service Offices serving Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, and Wisconsin Emergency Management have finalized plans for the 2016 Tornado Drill.

For the first time ever two statewide drills have been scheduled for  
Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **The schedule:**

- 1) 1pm Mock Tornado Watch, 1:45pm Mock Tornado Warning, ends at 2pm
- 2) 6:55pm Mock Tornado Warning, ends at 7:15pm (Tornado Watch will not be sent prior to the evening test, just the Warning at 6:55PM)

### **The “what if’s”:**

If there is severe weather forecast for anywhere in Wisconsin on April 14, both tests will be postponed to April 15, 2016.

If there is severe weather forecast for anywhere in Wisconsin on April 15, both tests will be cancelled.

If the afternoon test runs on April 14, but the evening test is cancelled due to the threat of severe weather, the evening test will not be rescheduled to the next day – it will just be cancelled.

**Reminder:** The test will run even with clouds, rain and/or “garden variety” thunderstorms in the state.

### **Where will it air?**

Broadcasters and Cable companies: Encouraged but not required to broadcast these mock tornado watch and warning messages.

NOAA Weather Radio: Will broadcast mock tornado watch and warning messages

Cell Phones: WILL NOT go out over cell phones via Wireless Emergency Alerts.

This is a great opportunity for you to practice your tornado emergency plan with family, friends, and co-workers. Schools will also participate in the drill. Don’t ignore watches and warnings. Listen and take action. Every second counts. Don’t wait... go to a safe place right away!

If you have any questions, or concerns, regarding the scheduled drills please feel free to call the Emergency Management Director, Linda Kollmann, at 920-236-7463.