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News Release

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Statewide Storm Siren Drill Today, 1:30 p.m.

The Springfield-Greene County office of Emergency Management will activate storm sirens this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in Springfield and urbanized Greene County, as part of the statewide storm siren drill.

Area residents, businesses, and schools are urged to treat the drill as if it were an actual emergency, and practice moving to designated tornado shelters in lower levels of buildings, away from windows and glass doors.

The statewide drill is coordinated by the State Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service, in observance of Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 8-12. Emergency management officials encourage residents to familiarize themselves with the dangers of severe thunderstorms, tornados, lightning, and floods.

For more information, call Ryan Nicholls, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, at 417-869-6040; or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-379-5713.