

EARLY WARNING SIRENS

Early warning sirens were purchased with 2007 Homeland Security/Emergency Management grant funds in 2007; installed early in 2008. The testing program requires that sirens be sounded on the first Monday of every month at 10:00 AM in the Town of Clayton and on the second and last Thursday of the month at 12:00 PM in the Village of Des Moines. Sirens are mounted on Santa Fe Drive, at Centennial Park near the Fairgrounds, and on School Street at the site of Clayton's water storage system. In Des Moines, the siren is located next to the Village Hall on Highway 64/87 Broadway Ave.

Citizens should be aware of the test program and the warning system in case of emergencies. In Clayton, the 3-siren system is carefully coordinated with the existing siren system at Clayton's Fire Department. **WARNING: The output sound level of a siren is capable of causing severe hearing discomfort or permanent hearing damage. Therefore, ALWAYS take care to protect ears and minimize exposure time.** Sirens will sound for 90 seconds at a time.

Sound descriptions:

STEADY	Weather/Tornado, etc. (Take Cover)
WAIL	Catastrophe/Emergency (chemical spill, railroad accident, sniper, etc.)
FAST WAIL	County Fire/Wildfire approaching town (evacuation possible)

Clayton Fire Department sirens will sound for the following:

SHORT Blast	Noon whistle
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In the case of an emergency siren activation, citizens are encouraged to respond in a knowledgeable and practical way. It is important to NOT call 911 for information. That emergency line is for response to specific emergencies. Be aware of weather conditions. Check with local radio, KLMX AM 1450 or FM 97.5, NOAA, or weather channels. Call Clayton PD Dispatch only when necessary. Des Moines residents can call Baca Valley Telephone Company.