



NIXA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



Constituents of the Nixa Fire Protection District,

The Fire District in conjunction with Nixa E911 and Ozark Electric Coop, in 1999, installed eight early warning storm sirens in various locations throughout the community. The sirens were purchased in an attempt to provide our residents with advanced warning for potentially dangerous weather. The sirens have a very small radius of coverage and were designed to warn individuals outdoors to seek cover as weather approaches. The sirens are not designed to alert people inside their residence or waking people from sleep.

The sirens are activated by radio signal receivers located on the siren itself. The signals are sent out from the Christian County Emergency Services Center when a tornado warning is issued for our area. The system is no longer compliant with FCC regulations. Due to the new FCC requirements and an upgrade of radio equipment used by emergency responders throughout the county, the receivers on the sirens will no longer be compatible with the radio system. The new technology will not activate the sirens and the cost of upgrading the antiquated system is simply not feasible.

Due to these factors, the six remaining storm sirens will be obsolete and taken out of service June 1, 2011;

- M Highway & River Fork Ranch Road
- Oak Ridge Road & Smith Hill Road
- 14 Highway & Highland Lane
- AA Highway (Guinn Road) & Nicholas Road
- CC Highway & Michael Lane
- Phillips Road & Chesapeake Road
- Monet Road & Rene Road (REMOVED)
- Sunny Slopes Drive & Gregg Road (REMOVED)

In light of these circumstances, the Fire District encourages everyone to purchase a programmable weather alert radio. The technology used in these radios is very reliable and provides advanced warning through the National Weather Service for any weather event.

The weather alert radios may be purchased at most big box retail stores and some local television stations. The Fire District also offers programmable weather radios, at our cost of \$30 (cash or check only), which includes batteries, programming, and assistance with the radio use. Radios are available at District Headquarters, 301 S. Nicholas Rd. Nixa, MO 65714 during regular business hours, Monday – Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nixa Fire Protection District at (417) 725-4025.