



PRESS RELEASE

WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY WARNING SIREN ACTIVATION

Date: 1/21/2026

Time: 1124 hrs.

Summary:

The Washington County Emergency Management Agency and the Washington County Communications Center are aware that the Washington County Emergency Warning Sirens were activated earlier today, 1/21/2026.

These Emergency Warning Sirens were automatically activated by the NOAA and the National Weather Service of the Quad Cities as a result of an issued **HIGH WIND WARNING**.

The links provided below may be utilized to obtain additional information regarding the weather-related activations of the Washington County Emergency Warning Sirens:

[**NWS Quad Cities Website**](#)

[**Active DSS Packet Link**](#)

Washington County's Emergency Warning Sirens are activated automatically by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) /National Weather Service (NWS) and/or may be manually activated by personnel of the Washington County Communications Center in the event of:

- **TORNADO WARNING** within the affected area,
- **HIGH WIND WARNING**
- **LARGE HAIL** 1.75" or greater in diameter

Citizens can expect to hear a scheduled, monthly test while outdoors, on the first Wednesday of every month, at approximately 11:00 AM, except during inclement weather.

The Washington County Emergency Management Agency and the Washington County Communications Center are actively working with our vendors and contractors regarding today's activations.

Any comments, concerns, and/or questions regarding the Washington County Emergency Warning Sirens System may be reported to (319) 653-2107.

Thank you,

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