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Subject: Menasha/Calumet outdoor warning siren

Mayor,

I attending a meeting yesterday with Matthew Marmour (Calumet EM), Gene Reese (Appleton FD), Lisa Van Schyndel (Outagamie EM) and Travis Parish (Harrison Administrator) about warning sirens in the area north of Lake Winnebago.

The city of Appleton already has sirens in Calumet County and they are proposing another one. There may be an opportunity to share in the cost of that one to serve some of the area we are concerned about. It would be activated by Outagamie County.

Calumet County does not own any sirens, they only agree to activate sirens that municipalities construct. So if Menasha puts a siren in, Calumet will activate it.

All three counties activate differently, so this is the part of the discussion that we need to think about.

If OU operates the siren it is activated by the polygon of the actual storm, determined by the Weather Service, activated by OU Sheriff Communications center.

If Calumet county activates it, they do not have the polygon system, so any warning for any where in their county, all sirens are activated simultaneously by the Calumet Sheriff Communications center.

Winnebago will not activate a siren that is not located in the county per the County Executive and EM.

The cost of a new siren, activation equipment, pole and electrical is just under \$28,000 with an annual electricity cost of about \$400/year.

I would like to discuss this with you when I return from vacation on or around 7/12.

Have a great weekend.

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