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Linn County Emergency Management Agency Encourages Participation in March 29 Annual Statewide Tornado Drill

LINN COUNTY, IA – March 24, 2023 – Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 27-31, 2023, is an opportunity to highlight the importance of being aware of and prepared for severe weather.

The highlight of Severe Weather Awareness Week is the annual statewide tornado drill occurring on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at approximately 10 a.m.

In the event of severe weather, the event will be postponed to March 30 at 10 a.m.

Linn County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will not activate its sirens for this event.

Activation of outdoor warning sirens not under the direction or control of Linn County EMA and those owned by local jurisdictions are activated at the discretion of those jurisdictions.

Notification of the tornado warning for this drill will be broadcast over weather radios.

Schools, businesses, state and local governments, and individuals are strongly encouraged to participate in the drill. It is an ideal time for families and businesses to review emergency plans, check the contents of your emergency kit, and sign up for alerts to stay weather aware.

The National Weather Service Quad Cities office serves Linn County, Iowa.

Register for Linn County specific alerts at
<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=LinnCountyIowaAlerts>

You can also register via text. Text **LinnIA** to **67283** or download the **Smart911** app on your phone through the App Store or Google Play.

Additional information about severe weather and family safety can be found at:
www.BeReady.iowa.gov
www.weather.gov/dvn/preparedness
www.linncounty-ema.org

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