

**Statewide  
TORNADO DRILL  
March 15, 2016  
@ 6:30 pm**

## Are You Prepared?



### Tornado Safety For Businesses

Although natural disasters are devastating, tornadoes are often viewed as nature's most violent storms; they can strike in an instant and leave just as quickly. With the unpredictable nature of tornadoes, it is vital to be prepared!

#### **Know Your Terms!** (courtesy of The National Weather Service)

- **Tornado:** A violently rotating column of air with circulation reaching the ground. It nearly always starts as a funnel cloud and may be accompanied by a loud roaring noise. On a local scale, it is the most destructive of all atmospheric phenomena.
- **Tornado Watch:** Issued by the NWS when conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. They are usually issued for a duration of four to eight hours and are normally issued well in advance of the actual occurrence of severe weather.
- **Tornado Warning:** Issued when a tornado is indicated by the WSR-88D radar or sighted by spotters; therefore, people in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately. They can be issued without a Tornado Watch being already in effect, and usually issued for a duration of around 30 minutes.
- **Tornado Emergency:** An exceedingly rare tornado warning issued when there is a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage from an imminent or ongoing tornado. This tornado warning is reserved for situations when a reliable source confirms a tornado or there is clear radar evidence of the existence of a damaging tornado, such as the observance of debris.

#### **Be Prepared!**

- Establish and maintain a Business Continuity of Operations Plan;
- Make a disaster kit for your office;
- Identify essential personnel and make sure they understand what is expected of them during a disaster;
- Create an office emergency plan:
  - Practice an office-wide tornado drill regularly;
  - Plan places where you & your employees will meet;
  - Identify your shelter in case of a tornado warning-
    - A storm shelter or basement provides the best protection;
    - If you do not have an underground shelter, go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor;
    - Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls;
    - Stay in your shelter area until the danger has passed;
- Listen to radio and/or TV stations for information;
- Opening windows does not keep a house or building from exploding due to low pressure during a tornado. It actually increases the chance of high winds entering and causing more damage and exposing you to injury.

**Source: ksready.gov**

# Training in Action



Front: Joe Blenn, Delmar Westover, & Mary Grubbs  
Back: Dan McGee, Gary Johnson, Delmar Westover, & Cindy Sias in SFA/CPR Training



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Back: Dan McGee, Gary Johnson, and David Stuhlsatz



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**CPR:** Cindy Sias is the new instructor of the American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid and CPR Class for any employee who chooses to attend. Cindy is a Registered Nurse with over 25 years of experience. She is employed as the Assistant Director of Nursing at Manhattan's Surgical Hospital.