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SUBJECT: PER-SAFETY AND HEALTH

Purpose. To provide information on severe weather awareness week.

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The week of April 19, 2004 is Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week. There will be Statewide Tornado Drills at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. on April 22, 2004. The 6:55 p.m. drill is only for selected counties which can be viewed at this website:

http://www.hsem.state.mn.us/swaw/tornado_drill_counties.asp

Definitions and safety advice for severe weather from the National Weather Service are as follows:

- Watches are issued when conditions are favorable for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms or flash floods. If you are in a watch area, make plans to seek shelter.
- Thunderstorms are those that produce hail 3/4 inch or larger and winds 58 mph or stronger.
- Warnings are issued when severe weather has been reported or is imminent. Seek shelter immediately if you are in or near the path of the storm.
- Warnings are issued by county names. Know the names of the county you live in and the counties that surround it.
- Sirens are meant to warn those who are outdoors. If you hear a siren, turn on a radio or TV to hear safety information. Seek shelter immediately.

If severe weather arises while at home or at work know the procedures to get to a safe place quickly.

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