



Bethel-Tate Fire Department

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Weather Warning Procedures

Community Christian Church, located at 125 E. Plane St in Bethel has been designated as the Tornado Safe Shelter during tornado warnings for Bethel and Tate Township residents as well as anyone passing through the area.

Six signs have been erected on Plane and East Sts directing citizens to the east side entrance doors of the church.

When the All Hazards warning sirens activate, citizens should turn on their radio or TV to find out what the sirens are going off for. Since these are All-Hazard Sirens, this could mean anything from a tornado warning to a chemical spill situation where you may be directed to shelter in place. If it is a tornado warning, the OIC at the fire station will designate one member of BTFD to respond to the Community Christian Church with the log in book to unlock the building using the Knox Box key(Knox Box located to the right of the double doors on the S. East St. side of the building.) Citizens will then be directed down the steps and to the right where there is a large room with no windows designated as the "SAFE AREA"

Every person who enters the door to this temporary tornado shelter will be required to sign in and then sign out once the warning has been allowed to expire.

Bethel Police Department will also respond to this location to assist and will only leave should the Officer receive a life-threatening call.

With the exception of a dog that has is identified to assist the owner of the dog with a medical condition, any small animal **MUST** be in an animal crate or small cage. Failure to have a crate or cage will result in the animal to be prohibited from entering the shelter.

Again, this is a temporary Safe Shelter and once the weather warning has expired, the shelter will close and all occupants will sign out. Should an area take a direct hit from a tornado, the Red Cross would then be called in to assist and another site would be chosen for a more long-term shelter.