



## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Branson Fire Rescue - Severe Weather Season is Approaching**

BRANSON, Mo – Branson Fire Rescue will join agencies across the state on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the annual statewide Severe Weather Tornado Drill, designed to test emergency outdoor warning sirens, weather radios and to educate the public during Severe Weather Awareness Week which runs the first week of March.

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, Branson Fire Rescue encourages all families to review the below information as severe weather season approaches.

**Thunderstorm/tornado WATCH -** Watch the sky and monitor changes in weather conditions  
**Thunderstorm/tornado WARNING -** Take shelter immediately

During severe weather, Branson residents and visitors are encouraged to tune into NOAA weather radios, local media outlets, and monitor smartphone applications. There are 24 outdoor warning sirens located throughout the City of Branson. **These sirens are used for a number of different weather conditions to notify people who are outdoors at area attractions, golf courses, water parks and shopping malls to find shelter indoors and to seek information.**

The Branson community can also sign up for “BransonALERTS,” that is designed to place automated emergency notification calls to residential and business phones within the city limits of Branson. You can sign up for this free service on the [City’s website](#).

For more severe weather information, go to Branson Fire Rescue’s Emergency Management section on its website, at <https://bransonmo.gov/166/Emergency-Management-Division>.

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