
	<b>MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>
	<b>202.00 SEVERE WEATHER WATCH PROCEDURES</b>
	<b>Effective Date: August, 2011</b>
	<b>Approved:</b> _____  <b>Chief of Police</b>

**I. Departmental Notifications**

- A. The Watch Commander shall maintain a continual review and analysis of conditions to determine if severe weather is likely to affect the city. Any employee of the department who receives information of possible severe weather in the area shall ensure the ranking officer is made aware of the situation.
- B. Where weather conditions are such that widespread damage results or is likely, the Watch Commander shall ensure the Operations Bureau Commander is notified.
- C. The Watch Commander shall recall off-duty personnel as required.
- D. The Mobile Command Post coach may be utilized as an alternate communications center or command post, as required.
- E. The Communications Lieutenant, the Technical Services Bureau Commander, the Assistant Chief of Police, or the Chief of Police shall be notified if the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S.) center is activated.
- F. An Assistant Chief of Police or the Chief of Police shall be notified should flooding conditions occur.

**II. Citizen Notifications**

- A. If the situation appears to warrant the notification of citizens, the Watch Commander shall coordinate activities with ranking on-duty Fire Department personnel.
- B. The Watch Commander shall have the authority to initiate the citizen notification system as appropriate. Methods of citizen notification include the following:
  - 1. Activation of outdoor warning sirens.
  - 2. Utilization of cable television voice override system.
  - 3. Activation of the North Central Texas Emergency Alert System (EAS).
  - 4. Utilization of sirens and public address systems of mobile units.
  - 5. Utilization of KEOM radio for additional warning coverage.

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