

Storm sirens won't sound in Atchison County

(KAIR)--Severe Weather Awareness Week is underway across Kansas, which includes the testing of emergency storm sirens.

That's planned to happen Tuesday morning, March 5, at 10:00.

However, the sirens will not be sounded in Atchison County.

Atchison County Emergency Management Director Wes Lanter, in a release, said the decision was made due to the below freezing temperatures.

He said if ice is inside a siren, it can cause damage.

The backup test day is Thursday, but Lanter said with temperatures predicted to remain below freezing, Atchison County will also not activate the sirens that day.

Lanter adds that if a real tornado were to threaten the local area in such temperatures, the sirens would be sounded.

The reason for the test is to encourage residents to practice tornado drills.

Lanter encourages Atchison County residents to take part in the planning regardless of the sirens.

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