



New Emergency Response Siren to be Installed for the City of Tama, Iowa

The City of Tama in cooperation with Iowa Premium will be installing a new emergency siren in downtown Tama in December 2017. The new system will be located at 9th Street and McClellan Street replacing the existing siren located near the corner of 10th and Harmon Street.

The improved siren system will be a valuable addition to the current Emergency Management program. The new siren will enhance awareness and communication for both weather and non-weather events such as natural disasters, hazardous accidents or other significant incidents.

The updates will include a community-wide alert system with the capability to deliver custom voice messages, battery back-up in case of power outages, and provide increased coverage area for the Tama community.

A key feature is the capability for both tone signals and voice messages to be broadcast. Tone signals will include a steady “alert” tone to signal a tornado warning. A ‘whoop’ tone will signal an evacuation. If needed, voice messages will follow the tone alert with specific emergency information such as evacuation routes and directions. The siren will be tested on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Local community officials will be better equipped to respond effectively and inform affected citizens in a timely manner. The system is anticipated to become operational at the end of December.

For additional information visit, www.tamacity.govoffice2.com.