

## Are You Ready?

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. CCEMA encourages people to take three key steps to be better prepared.

1. Create a disaster supplies kit
2. Make and practice a disaster plan
3. Be informed

Don't forget to take into consideration family with special needs, such as the elderly, and pets and livestock.



For more information, including plan templates and mobile apps visit [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov)



## Did You Know?

Carroll County EMA offers emergency preparedness and safety classes for individuals, community organizations, businesses and daycare providers.

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# Carroll County Severe Weather Warning Sirens

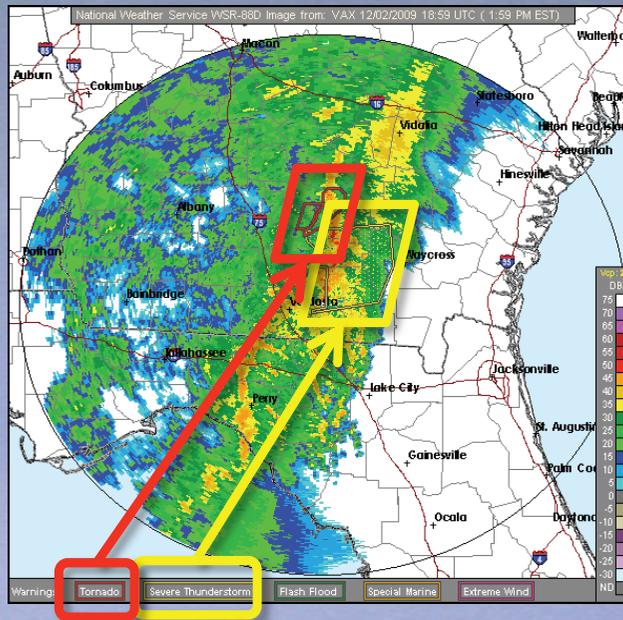
**CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Sheriff Terry E. Langley**

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## Severe Weather

Storms can quickly intensify with potentially lethal consequences. While monitoring the news media and a NOAA severe weather radio are your first line of defense, the Carroll County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) helps to alert residents of approaching severe weather by activating outdoor warning sirens.



## Hear Sirens? Take Cover!

Now when NWS issues a severe weather warning, CCEMA can activate its severe weather warning sirens within the polygon area(s) to alert the locations and people targeted in the path of the storm and not the entire County. *So now when you hear the sirens, you know you must take immediate action to stay safe.*

## NWS Polygon Warnings

The National Weather Service (NWS) can issue single or multiple severe thunderstorm, flash flood and/or tornado warnings. NWS now has the ability to outline very specific geographic areas on its storm-tracking radar with polygons (a closed two-dimensional shape) to mark the locations most likely to be affected.

## CCEMA Siren Activation

In the past, when NWS issued a warning, CCEMA activated all the sirens in the County. But with advances in NWS' technology and the use of the County's new WeatherWarn software, *CCEMA will be able to activate just the sirens in the storm affected areas of the County.*

## Seeking Shelter

Following the tips below can help you and your pets stay safe.

- Take shelter in the lowest part of a sturdy building
- Put as many interior walls between you and the outside as you can
- Stay away from windows and doors
- Listen to a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio for official updates