



SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

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For Immediate Release

The National Weather Service (NWS) and Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) will recognize Severe Weather Awareness Week in Louisiana on March 3-9, 2013. These dates coincide with the NWS Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

The main goal of the awareness week is to promote severe weather safety related to tornadoes, damaging thunderstorm winds and large hail. The climatological peak of severe weather in our region of the country is during the late winter and spring months.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good time to review severe weather plans, including: knowledge of terminology such as Severe Weather Watches and Warning, ensuring there is a reliable means to receive severe weather information, and knowing the appropriate safety measures and sheltering you would take if Watches and Warnings are issued.

For detailed information on local severe weather plans, alert systems and terminology, check out Kenner's Emergency Preparedness FAQ page: http://www.kenner.la.us/pages/section_77_219.asp

Test of the Emergency Alert System

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, NWS will transmit a test tornado warning message on NOAA Weather Radio on Wednesday morning, March 6, 2013, around 915AM. The test warning will be clearly worded as a "test", as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week. The test will be delayed if we are experiencing thunderstorms or severe weather at the time of the test

For more information on Severe Weather Awareness Week, link to: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lix/>