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Dexter, Missouri – Due to inclement weather in the state of Missouri, many cities have rescheduled the statewide tornado drill for Thursday, March 7th at 1:30 p.m. However, the Alert did broadcast throughout the state as planned.

There were some cities who could not activate their Outdoor Warning Sirens as the temperature was at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. This cold weather could damage the sirens. Illinois decided to postpone their statewide drill until Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. due to the snow storms in their region.

Many area schools also postponed their drill, including Dexter Public Schools. The City of Dexter will also activate their sirens on Thursday. The weather just did not cooperate with us today. We will try again on Thursday.

Missouri's www.stormaware.mo.gov website includes detailed videos showing how to take shelter in specific types of buildings, houses with and without basements, mobile homes, schools and important information about tornado sirens and weather alert radios. This site also includes links to free severe weather texting services that can alert people across Missouri to upcoming severe weather.

The National Weather Service provides safety tips and educational information about each day of Severe Weather Awareness Week on the St. Louis Forecast Office site: http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lsx/?n=severeweek.

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