TORNADO PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Preparedness involves a continuous process of planning, equipping and exercising. Planning for tornadoes requires identifying a place to take shelter, being familiar with and monitoring our campus community’s warning system, and establishing procedures to account for individuals in the building.

PLANNING:

Identifying Shelter Locations

An underground area, such as a basement or storm cellar, provides the best protection from a tornado. If an underground shelter is unavailable the following locations shall be used and are clearly marked with the black and white TORNADO SHELTER signs posted on the walls of the campus hallways.

• A BUILDING THEATER
• B BUILDING 1ST FLOOR, (ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS OFFICE AREA)
• C BUILDING 1ST FLOOR EAST HALLWAY
• C BUILDING 105C
• C BUILDING 106C
• C BUILDING 109C THRU 114C MUSIC ROOMS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH WALL
• D BUILDING 107D
• D BUILDING 108D
• D BUILDING 109D
• E BUILDING FIRST LEVEL WEST HALLWAY

SAFETY TIPS:

• Always seek small interior rooms on the lowest floor possible
• Stay away from doors, windows and outside walls
• Stay in the center of the room or hallway, and avoid corners because they attract debris
• Rooms constructed with reinforced concrete, brick or block with no windows and a heavy concrete floor or roof system overhead
• AVOID GYMNASIUMS or building areas that have flat, wide span roofs.