

## **Tornado Safety Message**

Tornados are extremely violent storms that can strike anywhere at any time with very little warning. Stay alert to the signs of impending danger:

- Severe thunderstorms with strong, gusty winds.
- A dark, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from the sky, midway or all the way to the ground.
- A roaring sound.

### **Know the Difference in Terms**

**Tornado Watch:** Tornados are possible – watch the sky and stay tuned to radio or TV stations for warnings.

**Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been sighted or detected by weather radar – take shelter immediately.

**IF THERE IS A TORNADO WARNING, PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY:**

**AT HOME:** Go to your storm shelter or basement, or a central room on the lowest level. Stay away from windows and exterior doors.

**IN A MOBILE HOME OR TRAILER:** These structures provide little protection. Leave and go to a storm shelter or the lowest level of a sturdy building.

**IN A PUBLIC BUILDING:** Go to the designated shelter area or to an interior hallway on the lowest floor.

**IN YOUR CAR:** Stop, get out and go to a storm shelter or the lowest level in a nearby building.

**IN OPEN COUNTRY:** Lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands.

Please contact Captain Chuck Owens of the Greenville Fire/Rescue Department (252-329-4414) for additional information.