

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**  
**Washington County Outdoor Event**  
**Southern Indiana Junior Rodeo Association (SIJRA)**  
**Salem, Indiana**

**STRONG WINDS/ THUNDERSTORM/ TORNADO RESPONSE PROTOCOL**

When a **Severe Thunderstorm Warning, Tornado Warning, Dangerous Lightning, Straight-Line or High Winds** in excess of 40 miles per hour has been issued by the National Weather Service for Washington County, Persons will be asked via public address system (PA) to evacuate the SIJRA event location area.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning**

A severe thunderstorm warning means those severe thunderstorms are in the area. These storms are possibly accompanied by cloud-to-ground lightning, high winds and hail. Also severe thunderstorms have the capability to spawn tornado activity as well. If you can hear **Thunder** you are within striking distance for **Lightning**. Seek sturdy indoor shelter. Stay away from windows. Do not touch items that conduct electricity.

**When notified of a Severe Thunderstorm Warning, the SIJRA Board and/or Event Supervisor will:**

- Check Building or area to insure that equipment is properly stored and not exposed to high winds that may propel items if caught by the wind
- Check that all doors, windows, and outside vents are secured
- Check that livestock at the event is accounted for and under supervision of caretakers.
- Be prepared to evacuate persons off Event location property to a safe shelter area nearby.
- All tent structures over 200 square feet must be stacked down to the manufacturer's specifications; for your safety, evacuate the tent area. **DO NOT remain under the tent structure during a severe thunderstorm.**
- Remain alert to worsening conditions.
- Anyone who is unable to evacuate should remain in the concession building unless told to move to safer areas or the all clear announcement has been given.

\*Person Designated to have the final say on declaring an emergency and the all-clear, will be the Washington County Sheriff. Washington County Sheriff Department and Emergency Management will monitor storm path updates given by the National Weather Service and will notify in advance the SIJRA Board and/or Event Supervisor, at the event location. All other persons at the rodeo event will be notified of potential danger via public address system (PA).

**Tornado Watch**

A **Tornado Watch** means that weather conditions are favorable for the formation of a tornado. Remain alert for emergency instructions.

**When notified of a Tornado Watch, the SIJRA Board and/or Event Supervisor will:**

- Announcement over the public address system (PA): A tornado watch has been issued for Washington County to listen for updates on conditions for potential Tornado Warnings.
- Check Building or area to ensure that equipment is properly stored and not exposed to high winds that may propel items if caught by the wind
- Check that all doors, windows, and outside vents are secured.
- Check that livestock at the event is accounted for and under supervision of caretakers.
- Be prepared to evacuate persons off Event location property to a safe shelter area nearby.
- If you are in a tent structure, evacuate the tent area and be ready to leave the Junior Rodeo Event location property and seek safe shelter. **DO NOT remain under the tent structure during severe weather.**
- Be prepared to evacuate the area quickly and advise persons to seek shelter at their place of storm shelter or go to one of the designed storm shelters in the area:

1. L West Washington Jr./Sr High School, 8028 W Batt Rd, Campbellsburg  
2. Livonia Baptist Church Basement, 197 E Main St, Campbellsburg (Livonia) Evacuation Routes to

Designated Shelters:

**West Washington Jr./Sr High School, 8028 W Batt Rd, Campbellsburg.** From SURA Event location exit out the driveway to the right (East) onto West SR 56. Approximately .5 tenths of a mile turn left (North) onto S West Washington School Rd, Continue for approximately 2.2 miles at intersection of WW School Rd/Batt Rd. West Washington Jr./Sr High School will be on the left-hand side of the road.

**Livonia Baptist Church Basement, 197 E Main St, Campbellsburg (Livonia)** From SURA Event location exit out the driveway to the Left (West) onto West SR 56. Approximately 2.7 miles turn left (South) into the parking lot of Livonia Baptist Church.

**Those not heading to Designated Shelters** enter West SR 56 to the Left (West) to go toward Paoli, or take a Right (East) SR 56 to go toward Salem.

\*All persons without transportation, will be transported to a designated Storm Shelter at West Washington Jr./Sr High School. The individuals will be responsible for arranging a pick up at that shelter location.

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### **Tornado Warning**

A Tornado warning is issued when a tornado has actually been sighted. Since the Tornado Watch Procedures have probably just been followed for livestock and securing the building and equipment. Emergency warning will immediately be broadcast on the public address system (PA), along with the following announcement:

The Washington County Sheriff and Emergency Management have advised the SIJRA Board and/or Event Supervisor, along with the Livonia Volunteer Fire Department, that a Tornado Warning has been issued for Washington County. For your protection and safety, you are to evacuate the Event Location property and move to a safe shelter. If you do not have access to a safe shelter:

The following Designated Storm Shelters are available

- I. West Washington Jr./Sr High School, 8028 W Batt Rd, Campbellsburg
2. Livonia Baptist Church Basement, 197 E Main St, Campbellsburg (Livonia)

**For persons left on the event property because of limited time with incoming weather. All will be moved to the concession building. All will remain in this area until the all clear announcement has been given.**

**Note: The Horse Arena is not a safe location.**

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