

## Tornado Organized Response Needs and Delivery Operations – T.O.R.N.A.D.O.

Tornados are crises that can usually be predicted. When the forecast shows weather that is conducive for a tornado, we need to be prepared for when and where they may strike. Tornado sirens sound when the tornado enters the county lines. Gauge your preparation accordingly and make sure you have time to get to shelter. BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT THE PROBLEM.

Tornado response code.

Prepare/Check (when sirens sound the first time)			During the Storm	After it Passes
Car	Person	Other	GET TO SHELTER AND TAKE COVER.	Establish communication with dispatch and other officers.
Radio	Radio	Help other officers' prep as needed		Respond to your designated response zone and prioritize response actions as needed
First Aid	Weather gear	Check veterinary care centers		Medical assistance to injured persons or call EMS if injury or special needs cannot be addressed by you alone.
Breaching Tools	Cell phone	Shelter location planned for victims		Call firefighters to assist in helping trapped individuals.
Fuel level	Water	Call and check on your family		Contact utility personnel as needed if located infrastructure damage.
Vehicle pre check for functionality	Bat belt check	Check all utility personnel and EMS units can be called as needed		Give direction to the shelter and guidance as needed. Do not get bogged down in the "small" calls unless every part of your zone has been checked and evaluated. Assist other officers as needed.
Questions to ask yourself			Questions to ask yourself	Questions to ask yourself
What items are you missing? (If any)			Does dispatch know where you are?	Have you checked all of your response zone?
What have you not checked?				
How long until the tornado will arrive? (Estimate the time if you do not know)			Are those with you safe/following safety procedures? (if there is anyone else)	Do other officers need help?
Do you have something that another officer is missing to help them prepare?				Have you addressed as many concerns of the public as you can?

The T.O.R.N.A.D.O. will be on the in-car computer and given in paper form to all officers. Officers are encouraged to make check marks on each item they have completed so they can see their progression and know what they will need to do next.

The overall impact of the infographic will be determined at the debriefing after the crisis has been handled. Officers will get the chance to say what worked and what didn't. This will also be an opportunity for officers to voice what should be added to the infographic to help them complete their job in a more effective manner.

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