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With the severe weather we've experienced the in the tri-state and specifically Boone County, Kentucky recently and with the rains and subsequent flash flooding possibly forecasted for this weekend, Boone County emergency first responders are recommending residents use a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio for the most up-to-date, comprehensive weather alerts.

In the event of severe weather the public needs a way to receive warning because seconds save lives. Boone County Emergency Management, Boone County Sheriff, Florence Police, and Boone County fire department officials stress that to receive severe weather warnings every home, school, business, place of worship and public assembly facility should have a NOAA Weather Radio with a tone alert and battery backup.

Outdoor warning sirens are intended to alert persons involved in outdoor activities that severe weather is approaching. NOAA Weather Radios with tone alert capability can remain on and silent until the National Weather Service activates the system. The weather radio then sounds an alarm and gives you immediate information about potentially life threatening situations such as a tornado warning. The visually and hearing impaired can get these warnings by connecting weather radios with tone alert to other attention getting devices such as strobe lights, pagers, bed shakers and text printers.

NOAA Weather Radios are available at most retail electronic stores. Improvements in technology allow for the purchase of weather radios with S.A.M.E. (Specific Area Message Encoding). S.A.M.E. weather radios can be programmed by the user to limit the alerts received to only the county or counties of interest to them.

For more information visit Boone County Emergency Management at www.boonecountyky.org/em or call 334-2279.

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