



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Kalamazoo County and Portage Department of Public Safety to Participate in Statewide Tornado Drill as Part of Severe Weather Awareness Week**

The Kalamazoo County Office of Emergency Management and the Portage Department of Public Safety – Fire Division will participate in a Statewide Tornado Drill on Wednesday, March 23 at 1 PM. This tornado drill is part of Severe Weather Awareness Week from March 20 - 26. When the siren sounds or you get an alert during the Statewide Tornado Drill, take a moment to think:

- What will you do?
- Where will you go?
- Do you have a plan?
- Do you have a way to get alerts?
- How will you communicate?

Wherever you find yourself (especially outdoors), the time to answer these questions is during a drill, not when you are facing the real thing.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, the Kalamazoo Office of Emergency Management ([facebook.com/KalamazooCoOEM](https://www.facebook.com/KalamazooCoOEM)) and Portage Department of Public Safety ([facebook.com/PortageDepartmentofPublicSafety](https://www.facebook.com/PortageDepartmentofPublicSafety)) will post severe weather awareness tips and topics to their Facebook pages. Tune in all week to learn about staying safe in severe weather. Visit [www.michigan.gov/miready](http://www.michigan.gov/miready) for more information.

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