

SEVERE WEATHER

Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies

03/06/2017 - 3:30 pm.

Current Warnings and Watches:

No current Warnings/Watches for Springfield or Greene County.

Hazards:

Tornado Hail Thunderstorm Wind Damage Lightning Fire Weather 02/28 Elevated Elevated Elevated Significant Limited



Discussion:

A wind advisory is in effect until 6 pm. Strong southerly sustained winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts of 35 to 45 mph will continue into early evening. An initial wave of thunderstorms will be possible early this evening and additional thunderstorms will form along an advancing cold front. This line is expected to reach Greene County

between 9 pm and midnight. All modes of severe weather will be possible, including large hail and wind gusts up to 70 mph. Fast moving nighttime severe storms are expected including risk for tornadoes.

Long Term:

Elevated to significant fire weather conditions will be possible Tuesday and to a lesser extent on Wednesday. A Red Flag Warning has been issued Tuesday, March 7th from 11:00 am until 07:00 pm. Wind gusts of 25 to 30 mph and afternoon humidity levels between 15 and 20 percent are expected within the watch area. Any fires that develop will likely spread rapidly. Outdoor burning is not recommended.

Citizen Action Statement:

Citizens should consider the following guidance:

- Citizens with outdoor recreational plans along area rivers and streams should be alert for the potential for lightning strikes and rapidly rising water levels.
- Have a severe weather shelter plan! Don't wait until severe weather is imminent to figure out where to shelter.



- Have a way of receiving severe weather warnings (NOAA Weather Radio, social media, news media, etc.)
- Take shelter when lightning is in the area! "When thunder roars...go in doors."

Emergency Management Issues:

- All interested parties should continue to monitor the situation for continuing forecast changes.
- The OEM will be monitoring "WxNet" (B-15) on Greene County 800 TRS.
- The situation room has been activated until the event has passed.
- Follow OEM: Twitter @gcoem or Facebook/SpringfieldGreeneOEM.
- Regional WebEOC Incident created: (2017-03-06 Regional Severe Weather).