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# **Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies** 3/16/2018–1315

#### Watches/Warnings:

No watches or warnings at this time

#### Hazards:

Damaging Winds	Limited
Hail	Limited
Lightning	Limited
Tornado	Limited
Severe Thunder Storms	Limited
Fire Weather	Limited

#### **Discussion:**

Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms will be possible between 1400-1900, first developing to the northwest of Springfield and then moving east with additional isolated storms developing across south central Missouri. The main threat will be hail up to quarter size along with wind gusts up to 60 mph. The potential for an isolated tornado is low but not zero.

## Long Term:

Winds and dry air behind the front will lead to a limited fire weather risk. Additional thunderstorm chances will return from late Sunday into Monday. The potential for strong thunderstorms will be dependent on the amount of instability but nothing severe is expected at this time.

# **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. "Turn around...don't drown!"
- 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 indoors!"

## **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
- Follow OEM: Twitter @gcoem or Facebook/SpringfieldGreeneOEM

Tornado Risk Valid: 03/16/2018 09:00 AM - 03/17/2018 07:00 AM CDT



