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SEVERE WEATHER HAZARD REPORT

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stay aware, be prepared...

Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies

3/17/2021 – 1415 hours

Watches & Warnings

Tornado Watch until 03/17/21 – 2000 hrs

Flash Flood Watch until 03/18/21 – 0800 hrs

Hazards

3/17

Tornado

LIMITED

Thunderstorm wind

LIMITED

Severe Thunderstorms

ELEVATED

Hail

ELEVATED

Discussion:

Thunderstorms expected this afternoon and evening. These storms could be capable of producing golf ball size hail and wind gusts in excess of 70 mph. A few tornadoes will be possible.

Widespread rainfall will likely lead to flash flooding in some areas. Low water crossings and low lying roads next to flashy streams will have the greatest risk of flooding tonight.

As cold air moves into the area late tonight, rain will mix with and change to snow, especially over east-central Kansas and west-central Missouri where 1-2 inches of snow will be possible.

Citizen Action Statement:

- Have a severe weather shelter plan! Review emergency kit and identify closest safe 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!"*
- 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!"*

Emergency Management Issues:

- OEM is monitoring "WxNet" (B-15) on Greene County 800 TRS
- Springfield-Greene County EOC is currently at:
OpCon Level 3: Partial Activation (Virtual/Physical)
- All interested parties should continue to monitor the situation for forecast changes.
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