

Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies

4/9/2021 - 1500 hours

<u>Watches/Warnings</u>: No current watches/warnings. The Storm Prediction Center is considering the issuance of a Severe Thunderstorm Watch for the region (probability of issuance 60%) but the current situation has not warranted that action.

| <u>Hazards</u> | |
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| Tornado | LIMITED |
| Severe Thunderstorm | LIMITED |
| Hail | LIMITED |
| Lightning | ELEVATED |

Discussion:

Severe thunderstorms are possible from mid-afternoon today until midnight tonight. Large hail to the size of ping pong balls, damaging winds to 60 mph, heavy rainfall, and perhaps a brief tornado or two will be possible. The greatest severe weather threat is along and south of I-44 and along and west of Highway 65.

Spotter activation may be needed later today or tonight for southwest Missouri and southeast Kansas along and south of I-44 and along and west of Highway 65.

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.
- Follow OEM: Twitter @gcoem or Facebook/SpringfieldGreeneOEM



