








Situational Awareness Bulletin

From the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THUNDERSTORMS

-  Thunderstorms may occur singly, in clusters, or in lines.
-  Some of the most severe occur when a single thunderstorm affects one location for an extended time.
-  Thunderstorms typically produce heavy rain for a brief period, anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour.
-  Warm, humid conditions are highly favorable for thunderstorm development.
-  About 10 percent of thunderstorms are classified as severe. A severe thunderstorm is considered as one that produces hail at least one inch or larger in diameter, has winds of 58 mph or produces a tornado.

KNOW YOUR TERMS



SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH

Conditions are favorable for thunderstorms. Be prepared to move indoors.



SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING

A thunderstorm is imminent or occurring. Take shelter now!

When you hear the words "severe thunderstorm" in the forecast, be ready for more than just heavy rain and lightning.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS
CAN ALSO BRING 



Hail



Strong
Wind Gusts



Lightning



Heavy
Rain



Flash
Floods



Tornadoes

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