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WARNING SIREN INSTALLED AT PATRIOT PARK

Michigan City, IN (May 11, 2005) - The Michigan City Emergency Management Agency recently installed the city's 10th siren at Patriot Park. The outdoor warning siren is designed to warn citizens and guests visiting the park of impending dangers. Emergency Management Director John Jones reported that "the siren worked as planned during the siren's initial test on May 7th". The sirens are tested on the first Saturday each month at 11:00 a.m.

Director Jones explained that "the siren was deemed necessary after a study was performed over several months during siren tests". Trained Emergency Management Volunteers were utilized to test the audible range of existing sirens. The study was launched because of significant growth in the South Franklin business corridor. Prior to the addition of the Patriot Park siren, the southern end of the city was supported by two sirens located on U.S. 20: in the parking lot at Dino's Restaurant and in the Hostess bread store parking lot at the intersection of U.S. 20 and Roeske Avenue.

An additional siren (Michigan City's 11th siren) is scheduled to be installed later this month on a tract of land between Lowe's and Menard's home improvement stores at Frontage Road. "The addition of the siren near Lowes will adequately warn patrons on South Franklin / U.S. 421, an area that has seen significant growth with large buildings, crowds, traffic and noise" said Jones. The addition of the new Kerasotes Show Place 14 theatre on the City's South side was also a concern according to Jones.

Jones offered the following suggestions for times when the siren is heard:

- take shelter immediately in a sound structure or low lying ditch.
- Avoid taking shelter in automobiles.
- Stock your shelter with a battery operated radio.
- In Michigan City, tune in to 95.9 FM for emergency instructions.
- Develop a family plan and exercise the plan during tests of the siren system.

For more information on developing emergency plans or putting together an emergency supply kit, contact Jones at (219) 873-1499 or by email at jjones@emichigancity.com.

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