

St. Petersburg College – Emergency Management Plan 2023

SECTION IV

INCIDENT RESPONSE PLANS

INCIDENT COMMANDER CHECKLISTS

Severe weather radios have been provided for each college site to provide an early warning system to alert employees that severe weather conditions (thunderstorms, high winds, tornadoes, hail, flooding) may be approaching their area. This is to provide for the early evacuation of portable buildings and similar vulnerable areas prior to the approach of high winds, tornadoes or other severe weather conditions. The radios are specifically designed to receive weather warnings and emergency broadcasts from the National Weather Service.

Thunderstorm

While lightning is occurring:

- Power down computers and turn other electrical equipment off
- Do not unplug electrical cords while lightning is occurring
- Avoid water fixtures, telephone lines, and any electrical conducting materials
- Stay inside buildings and off campus grounds

Tornado

Tornado watch - Weather conditions are favorable for tornadoes to form. If you are located in a portable building or trailer, prepare to relocate to a permanent building.

Tornado warning - A tornado has been spotted in your area. Tornado warnings will be announced via email and verbal communications.

When a tornado warning is issued for an area, all attention should be directed towards life safety procedures. The warning period is insufficient to attempt to protect College assets.

- If you are in a portable building or trailer, move to a permanent building
- Do not seek shelter in a gymnasium, auditorium or similar type building with a free-span roof
- If you are on an upper level of a multi-story building, move to a lower level
- Stay away from exterior walls, doors, windows and items that might fall from above
- Move to an interior area of the building and take cover under a sturdy object or next to an interior wall; cover your head and face with your hands and arms

TORNADO CHECKLIST

Expected Impact	Expected Consequences	Suggested Action Steps
<p>Some panic possible</p> <p>Wind damage likely</p> <p>Trees and branches down</p> <p>Building and building content damage possible</p> <p>Utility disruptions likely</p> <p>Injuries possible</p> <p>Fatalities possible</p> <p>Potential life-threatening event</p>	<p>College activities possibly closed for a few days' post-strike</p> <p>Government authorities may commandeer college resources.</p> <p>Activities scheduled for destroyed and severely damaged buildings will need to be relocated</p>	<p><u>Tornado Watch</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Director, Safety and Security monitors weather reports <p><u>Tornado Warning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Monitor weather reports → Facilities Planning and Institutional Services assigns someone with 2-way radio to observe weather conditions → Director, Safety and Security alerts campus in area of warning → Evacuate occupants of portables to permanent buildings <p><u>After Tornado</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Activate EMP → Contact IRT → Notify CIC and EMC → Activate EOC as needed <p><u>Critical Plans/Resources:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Facilities Planning and Institutional Services → Safety and Security → Student Affairs → Academic Affairs → Business Services → Marketing and Communications → Nearly all resources critical → Information Technology