Critical Response Plan – *Natural Causes*

**Tornado**

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Monitoring

The official source of severe weather conditions will be the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Safety Office and College Police will monitor notifications from the NOAA through several avenues, including, internet notifications, weather radios and local television stations.

Notification

If a tornado warning is received indicating that a campus is within its path, the College Police Dispatcher will immediately notify the Building Marshals.

The Building Marshals will follow their assigned duties by communicating the possible danger and preparation to all occupants within their building.

General Tornado Preparedness Procedures

Tornados occur suddenly, typically without warning. Evacuation is not advisable and preparation time is limited. The following steps are suggested actions that can be taken for protection against injury during a tornado strike:

- Protective posture (duck and cover) will be assumed.
- Stay inside away from windows.
- Remain near an inside wall of a room or hall, away from the path of the tornado.
- Exterior windows will not be opened. Entry doors should remain closed.
- Keep calm and do not get excited.
- Avoid cafeterias, gyms, and any other area with a large roof.
- Persons outside or in automobiles should take cover in the nearest building.

Recovery

In the event of tornado damage, the Emergency Operations Plan will activate immediately. The following issues will be addressed by the appropriate Emergency Response Team member and/or outside agencies as necessary.

- Monitoring: College Police
- Secure Utilities: Physical Plant
- Traffic Control: College Police
- Security of Damaged Areas: Physical Plant and College Police
- Fire Control: Local Fire Departments
- Rescue, Recovery and Evacuation: College Police / Local Fire Department
- Communications/Public Information: Marketing Department
- Damage Assessment: Physical Plant and Construction Department