Tornado Safety Week is coming up next

In Farmington when a tornado warning is issued, the Department of Public Safety "calls in a platoon of officers who live farthest out to man the fire barn and remain on standby," Goss said.

said.

Both departments do pre-planning in preparation for a tornado touchdown.

IN HIS official proclamation, Blanchard wrote: "Each year, more than 600 tornadoes strike in the United States, including an average of 17 in Michigan."

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"Tragically, tornadoes often leave a path of death and destruction. Since 1950, more than 2000 persons have been exhibited by ternadoes in Michigan. Property loss has been estimated to be in the millions of dollars.

The state's large urban population the number of tornado-related deaths. The state's large urban population leaves it especially vulnerable to the devastating effects of ternadoes."

Ai tornado is a Column of violently votating winds extending down from a thunderstorm-like cloud and couching the surface of the carth. A funnel cloud is a similar column, but it doesn't buech down.

State Police Emergency Management Division compiled the following tornado facts:

• Tornadoes can occur at any time of the day or night in almost any month. But most occur in April, May, June and July, in the late afternoon and evening hours, usually between 3 and 7 p.m. when the temperature is 70-75 degrees with high relative hundlities.

• Tornadoes usually come from the southwest at 20-45 mph. Almost all come from the western horizon, and they have traveled at speeds nearing 70 mph.

mph. The typical tornado is on the ground less than 10 minutes and travels a distance of five miles. But tornado save stayed on the ground for more than 200 miles.

The width of a tornado as it touches the ground averages 300-400 yards but may be wider, up to one mile across.

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Tornadoes usually turn counterclockwise, with wind speeds varying
from less than 100 mph to nearly 300

Tornadoes

Tornadoes developing from storms early in the season tend to be the most severe.

A TORNADO or severe thunderstorm watch is issued by the National
Severe Storm Center in Kansas City
when conditions exist for severe weath
er to develop. Watches are two fours long. They give you time to plan
and prepare by
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A tornado or severe-thunderstorm warning is issued by the National Weather Service when a tornado or severe thunderstorm has been sighted or strongly indicated by radar. Warnings usually land longer than 90 minutes.

Warnings are designed to give you time to act by seeking shelter immediately on staying near shelter, depending on how severe the weather has been

WHAT CONSTITUTES shelter?
• Houses — a basement offers the greatest safety. Seek shelter under

sturdy furniture or under the stairs, away from under the kitchen, If possible. In houses without basements, take cover in the center of the house on the lowest floor in a small room, such as a closed or bathroom, or under sturdy furniture. If you have time, open a window.

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Mobile homes — during warnings, go to a prearranged, substantial shelter.

to Driving a car — travel at right angles to the tornado's path. If there isn't time to drive away from it, get out of the car and into a basement, ditch or ravine, away from the car. If outside, use your hands to shield your head sue your hands to shield your head ovance plans to move to interfor half-ways or small rooms on the lowest floor. Avoid areas with glass and wide, free-span roofs.

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• In open country — get into a sturdy building, or on the ground, if possi-

WHAT IF your house is struck by a

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fied you are a tornado victim.

• Photograph or otherwise document the damage to your property and injuries to your family members.
• Cooperate with authorized officers and volunteers who will arrive to give aid.
• Do not sign contracts for repair work, removal of rubble or additional insurance without consulting authorities.

ties.
What if a touchdown happens near-by? Do not go to the tornado scene. The area must be kept clear and secure for the victims and for emergency work-

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He eyes Naval Academy

Charles Bright of Farmington Hills, a senior at Birmingham Brother Rice High School, was selected one of 10 nominees to compete for a 1986 nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

U.S. Rep. William Broomfield. Requalities."

Birmingham, said Bright will compete with nine other nominees for the one candemy vacancy allotted in Michigan's 18th Congressional District.

Broomfield said he selected Bright early the cause he has "shown outstanding qualities."





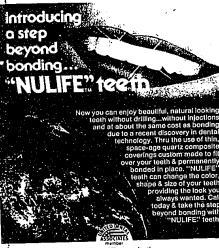






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