

Twister: CD Chief Tells How To Save Lives

Civil Defense Director Kenneth Kampman today reiterated directions for taking cover during tornado activity during the turbulent weather season.

He said the major points were dramatized last week when a twister touched down on a roof of a new building injuring one worker.

"We can't emphasize too strongly the need for calm, intelligent behavior during these periods," he said.

The details of official instructions came out of a recent meeting of the southwestern Michigan civil defense directors attended by more than 110 officials from Livonia and other cities.

Robert Snyder, weather director for the United States Weather Bureau station at Detroit Metropolitan Airport made the following points:

THERE IS NO universal protection against tornadoes except caves or underground excavations. When time permits, go to a tornado cellar, cave, or underground excavation which should have an air outlet to

help equalize the air pressure. It should be kept fit for use, free from water, gas, or debris, and preferably equipped with pick and shovel.

If you are in open country: Move to right angles to the tornado's path. Tornadoes usually move ahead at about 25 to 40 miles per hour.

If there is not time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression such as a ditch or ravine.

If in a City or Town: Seek indoor shelter, preferably in a strongly reinforced building. STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!

In homes: The southwest corner of the basement usually offers greatest safety, particularly in frame houses. People in houses without basements should find other shelter, preferably in a storm cellar, although a depression, such as a ditch or ravine can offer some protection. Doors and windows on the north and east sides of the house may be opened to help reduce damage to the building. Standing against the inside

wall on a lower floor of an office building offers some protection.

If in schools: In City areas: If school building is of strongly reinforced construction, stay inside, away from windows, remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. AVOID AUDITORIUMS AND GYMNASIUMS with large, poorly-supported roofs!

In rural schools that do not have strongly reinforced construction, remove children and teachers to a ravine or ditch if storm shelter is not available.

If in factories and industrial plants: On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for shutting off electrical circuits and fuel lines if the

tornado approaches the plant. Workers should be moved to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection.

Keep calm! It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado. Even though a warning is issued, chances of a tornado striking one's home or location are very slight. Tornadoes cover such a small zone, as a rule, that relatively only a few places in a warned area are directly affected. You should know about tornadoes though, "just in case."

Keep tuned to your radio or television station for latest tornado advisory information. The following Greater Detroit Radio Stations will broadcast both Severe Weather Watch and Severe Weather Warning: WJR, WWJ, WCAW, WJBK, WABJ, WXYZ, WQXR, WQTE and WHLS. Do not call the Weather Bureau, except to report a tornado, as

your individual request may tie up telephone lines urgently needed to receive special reports or to relay advisories to radio and television stations for dissemination to thousands in the critical area.

WHAT IS A TORNADO WATCH? The United States Weather Bureau issues a tornado watch for areas where tornadoes may occur during the next several hours. The size of an average watch area is approximately 100 miles wide and 300 miles long. The object of a watch is to alert the public in the area covered by the watch to the possibility of tornadoes, and to advise them to be ready to take precautionary action in case tornado warnings are issued. However, people should go about doing their work as usual. Once a tornado has actually formed and its existence becomes known to the Weather Bu-

reau, a public tornado warning will be issued.

HOW DOES A TORNADO WARNING DIFFER FROM A TORNADO WATCH? A tornado watch is used to alert the public to the possibility that tornadoes may develop over a certain area. A tornado warning means that a tornado has actually been sighted in the area or its presence has been detected by radar. The warning will indicate where the tornado was discovered, the area through which it is expected

to move, and the time periods during which the tornado will move through the area warned. Following issuance of a tornado warning, persons in the indicated path of the tornado should immediately take safety precautions.

Kampman Takes Over

Reading the background of Kenneth W. Kampman should give Livonians assurance that the city's Civil Defense office and program, will be in good hands.

Kampman, who lives at 15765 Whittby, was appointed director by Mayor Harvey W. Moelke, this week, to replace the resigning W.A. Cooper, who headed the office six years.

Kampman now is obtaining aircraft pilot and maintenance licenses.

He will operate from the offices in Police Headquarters Building on Farmington. The job pays only \$2,775 a year for part time duties.

Moelke moved Kampman up from assistant deputy director to the top job.

KAMPMAN traced his Civil Defense history from 1950-51, when he got Auxiliary Police training with the Detroit Police Department. In 1953 he transferred to the Livonia Auxiliary Police.

He completed the special instruction program in defense here in 1955. In 1958 he was instructor for firearm training, and promoted to lieutenant of Auxiliary Police.

He completed basic casualty care instruction course in 1961, the advanced course and medical self-help instructor training courses in 1962.



KENNETH W. KAMPMAN

KAMPMAN was educated at Central High School in Detroit, and at Lawrence Institute of Technology.

He worked with Car Wood Industries from 1933-1954, except for the war service period, in such positions as production controller, sales engineer, export sales administrator, government sales administrator.

Then, for six years, he was with Sherman Products, at Royal Oak, serving as new product specialist, sales office manager, product education manager.

From 1961 to 1966 Kampman operated as a building maintenance contractor.

He will devote whatever time necessary to the city's civil defense program.

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