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Two Warning Sirens go up in Bluffton

(BLUFFTON, OH) – Two outdoor warning sirens are being installed today in the village of Bluffton. The \$34,221 project is being funded through a \$14,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with the balance being split between the Village of Bluffton and the Allen County Commissioners.

“These sirens are a critical addition to our county warning system. They represent one of the only methods available to us to warn people that are outside that they need to go indoors because of approaching danger.” Said county EMA director Russ Decker. “The county commissioners and this office have been working with the villages and townships to add more of these sirens as funds become available. It is our goal to have the countywide system of 32 sirens fully operable within the next three to five years.”

Currently there are 17 warning sirens in the county system with the addition of these two new sirens in Bluffton. Commissioners recently went to out to bid for two additional sirens to be erected in Layfayette and Harrod this spring.

Village officials originally requested the siren project in the fall of 1999. Federal funds were approved in 2001 with the contract bid being awarded to the Federal Signal Corporation of University Park, Illinois last July. Installation is expected to take several days.

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