

Tulsa Emergency Management



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Tornado Sirens



- **Designed to warn people who are outdoors**
- **Over 80 sirens in the City of Tulsa**
- **Three-minute straight tone**

When do the sirens sound?

- Winds in excess of 80mph
- Rotation confirmed on radar



What initiates a siren?

When the NWS issues a tornado warning, the sirens in the affected polygon automatically sound.

Someone in the EOC can sound the sirens if they do not automatically go off.

Dispatch also has capabilities to sound the sirens as well.



Why did the sirens not go off?

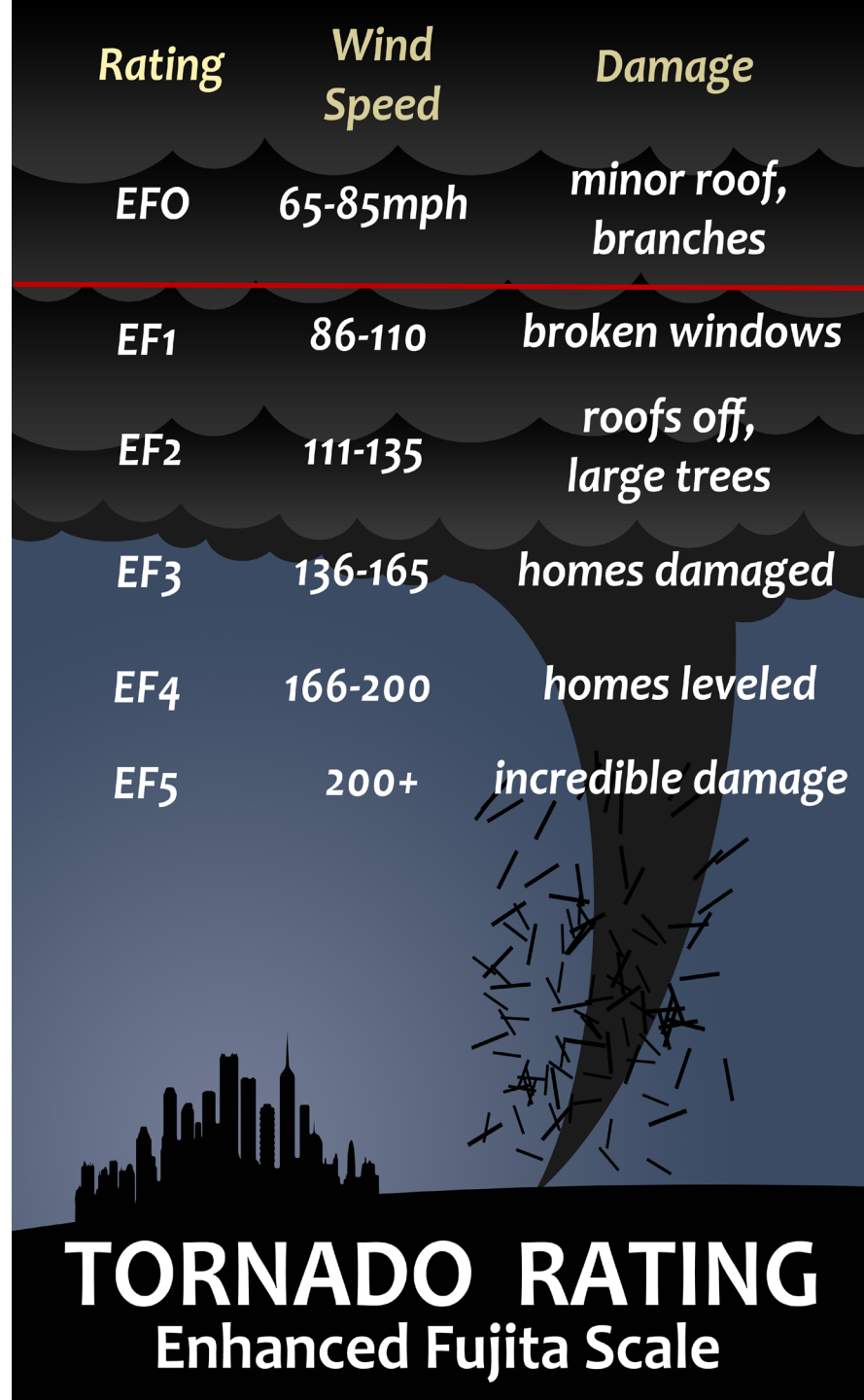
"The storm didn't warrant the issuance of a tornado warning (or even a severe thunderstorm warning), based on the warning criteria that includes organized, strong low-level rotation as that is the sort of rotation that could result in a life-threatening situation."

-National Weather Service

The very brief, very weak storm produced maximum 60 mph winds. It was classified as an EF0 tornado.



EF Scale



Future of Emergency Management

- **Currently working through an agreement to dissolve TAEMA, to include separation of assets, audit of finances, outstanding reimbursements, etc.**
- **Tulsa County and City of Tulsa will have separate Emergency Management Offices.**
- **Budget of resources and personnel in FY27.**
- **EOC still located in police building with planned move to the PSC.**



THANK YOU!