



Tornado Drill - tomorrow

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The annual State-wide Tornado Drill will be conducted tomorrow morning. All students, faculty, staff and visitors, who are on campus at the time, should move to the safe shelter in place location in the building. If you are outdoors, seek shelter in the closest building.

The drill will start at approximately 9:45 a.m. with a test tornado warning sent by the National Weather Service to National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios. NOAA weather radios will sound a tone alert and show a test message (or flash to indicate a message) to simulate what people would hear or see during an actual tornado warning. Local radio stations, TV stations and cable outlets will broadcast the test message via the Emergency Alert System (EAS). CNU will use the appropriate methods to relay this message, text, cable override, desktop take over, and ALERTUS beacons.

This drill will last approximately 10 minutes, at which time an all clear message will be sent via text message.

“Tornadoes can occur any month of the year. In 2018, 31 confirmed tornadoes touched down throughout the Commonwealth impacting 21 different jurisdictions,” said **Jeff Orrock of the National Weather Service in Wakefield**. “Tornadoes occurred last year as early as January and as late as November. Have a plan, know your location and surroundings and have a way to receive Watches and Warnings from the National Weather Service. Check to see if your smartphone is set to receive Wireless Emergency Alerts. When a tornado watch is issued for your area, review your plan and know where to seek safe shelter when a tornado warning is issued.”

Thank you for participating in the drill and assisting with preparedness efforts at CNU!