## Government of Alberta

Alberta Emergency Management Agency



## History of Activations Alberta Emergency Public Warning System Compiled to February 11, 2011

Date	Activating Agency	EPWS Region and Event	Instructions
June 29, 1998	Environment Canada	Edmonton Region -Tornado touchdown Tofield, Alberta	Take immediate shelter in a basement or low near lying area. If caught in vehicle, leave vehicle and lay flat in a ditch or other low area
August 6, 2000	Environment Canada	Calgary and Edmonton Regions – Dangerous super cell storm in Central Alberta Calgary and Edmonton Regions -	Take immediate shelter. Listen to radio and television stations for updated warnings. Alberta.  Take immediate shelter in a basement or low
		Tornado touchdown near Elnora, Alberta	lying area. If caught in vehicle, leave vehicle and lay flat in a ditch or other low area.
August 7, 2000	Environment Canada	Edmonton Region - Tornado touchdown reported by pilot near Millwoods Community in City of Edmonton	Take immediate shelter in a basement or low lying area. If caught in vehicle, leave vehicle and lay flat in a ditch or other low area.
August 20, 2000	Environment Canada	<u>Calgary and Edmonton Regions</u> - Tornado touchdown near Blackfalds, Alberta	Take immediate shelter in a basement or low, lying area. If caught in vehicle leave vehicle and lay flat in a ditch or other low area.
December 24, 2000	Town of Drayton Valley	Edmonton Region - Possible contamination of municipal water supply	Issued boil water advisory
July 31, 2001	Environment Canada	<u>Calgary and Edmonton Regions</u> - Tornado touchdown near Caroline, Alberta	Take immediate shelter in a basement or low lying area. If caught in vehicle, leave vehicle and lay flat in a ditch or other low area.
March 16,2003	Town of Coalhurst	<u>Lethbridge Region</u> – Possible contamination of municipal water supply	Issued boil water advisory
April 10,2003	Town of High River	<u>Calgary Region</u> – Telephone system failure affecting 911 emergency calls	If you have an emergency travel immediately to the nearest fire station, hospital or RCMP detachment
July 11,2003 4:32PM	Environment Canada	Dangerous Storm Warning for Westlock County and the area near LINARIA. 12 km west of DAPP	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors
4:50PM 6:35PM		Tornado Warning for Westlock County  Dangerous Storm Warning for Westlock  County and Sturgeon County	and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
August 12, 2003 3:42PM	Environment Canada	Edmonton Region – Tornado touchdown west of Wabamun	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
4:30PM		Tornado warning update for Calihoo, Villeneuve and St. Albert	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.

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June 13, 2004		Environment Canada	Calgary Region- Tornado warning near Vulcan, AB. Upgraded to a touchdown.	Take immediate shelter in a basement or low lying area. If caught in a vehicle, leave vehicle and lay flat in a ditch or other low area
July 11, 2004	6:35AM	Environment Canada	Edmonton Region- Tornado warning in counties of Lac Ste. Anne and Woodlands including Mayerthorpe, Sagudo and Thunder Lake Provincial Park.	Take immediate shelter in a basement or low lying area. If caught in a vehicle, leave vehicle and lay flat in a ditch or other low area.
	3:00PM		Edmonton Region - Dangerous thunderstorm in Metro Edmonton area	Take immediate shelter. Listen to radio and television stations for updated warnings.
	5:05PM		Edmonton Region - Tornado and large hail south of Andrew.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
August 3, 2004		Environment Canada	Edmonton Region - Tornadoes near Medicine Hat and Rimbley (later in evening) moving north towards Ponoka County	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
June 6, 2005	4:22PM 5:07PM	Municipal District of Willow Creek	Calgary & Lethbridge Regions – High Stream and Flood watch for Willow Creek, Waterton, Belly River, and Oldman River affecting Willow Creek, Fort Mcleod, Granham and Claresholm	
	5.07 FIVI		Calgary & Lethbridge Regions – Flooding in Willow Creek is likely to affect the water systems at Claresholm and Granham	
June 7, 2005	9:49AM	Town of Coaldale	Lethbridge Region - a State of Local Emergency declared for the town due to sanitary sewer backup surcharging	Advised residents to check basements and to reduce water usage.
	10:35AM	Alberta Environment Flood Forecast Centre	Calgary & Lethbridge Regions - Flood Warning for the Sheep and Highwood rivers in the Bow and Oldman river basins. Provided information on rainfall amounts, together with projections down stream.	Anyone situated close to the area, should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage. Persons living in the area should move immediately to higher ground.
	11:25AM		Calgary & Lethbridge Regions - issued further flood warnings for the Oldman River in Pincher Creek, Sheep River, Turner Valley and the Highwood River	Anyone situated close to the area, should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage. Persons living in the area should move immediately to higher ground.
	1:30PM		Calgary & Lethbridge Regions - issued a Flood Warning for the Old Man River in Fort Mcleod, not including Lethbridge	Anyone situated close to the area, should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage. Persons living in the area should move immediately to higher ground.
	4:14PM	Town of High River / MD of Foothills	Calgary, Lethbridge & Banff/Kananaskis Regions – the Highwood River was 'likely to reach 1995 levels' of flood	Advised the evacuation of residents from Wallaceville and Beachwood in High River
	5:05PM		Calgary, Lethbridge & Banff/Kananaskis Regions – the Highwood River had breached its banks	A mandatory evacuation is in effect for Wallaceville and the Williams neighborhoods.
June 9, 2005	11:10AM	Alberta Environment Flood Forecast Centre	Medicine Hat Region - Flood Warning for Medicine Hat. Increases expected between 1.8 - 2.1m on South Saskatchewan River	Anyone situated close to the area, should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage. Persons living in the area should move immediately to higher ground.

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June 17, 2005	3:51PM	Alberta Environment Flood Forecast Centre	Calgary Region - Flood Watch for the Highwood River and Town of High River	Anyone situated close to the area, should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage. Persons living in the area should move immediately to higher ground.
	5:14PM	Environment Canada	Medicine Hat Region - Severe weather warning in relation to a thunderstorm at Medicine Hat that was moving North at 30 kilometers per hour (km/h) and was producing baseball sized hail. This included a warning that such thunderstorms could produce tornadoes.	Persons in the Medicine Hat, Redcliff or Suffield areas should be prepared to seek shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
	7:45PM	Alberta Environment Flood Forecast Centre	<u>Calgary Region</u> - Flood warning for rivers and streams in the Bow River basin, including Priddis, Fish Creek and Calgary, stating that the 40-80 mm of precipitation would put the rivers and stream into immediate flood.	Anyone situated close to the area, should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage. Persons living in the area should move immediately to higher ground.
June 18, 2005	9:27AM	Alberta Environment Flood Forecast Centre	Red Deer Region - Flood Warning for the City of Red Deer, Sundre and the area of James River, advising that as 80-100 mm of precipitation had fallen rivers and streams would go into flood	Anyone situated close to the area, should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage. Persons living in the area should move immediately to higher ground.
June 21, 2005	6:34PM	Environment Canada	Lethbridge Region - Severe Thunderstorm Warning, advising that funnel clouds had also been spotted, together with large hail in a storm over Lethbridge	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
	6:44PM	Town of Coalhurst	Calgary & Lethbridge Regions - advised that a tornado had touched down 3 miles south of the town of Coalhurst	Residents of Coalhurst area were advised to seek shelter in a basement or other sealed area below ground
	6:48PM	Environment Canada	Lethbridge Region - advised that a Tornado had touched down near Lethbridge and was tracking E at 15-20 km/h	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
	7:21PM		Lethbridge Region - advised that a Tornado had touched down east of Lethbridge and was tracking E at 15-20 km/h	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
July 2, 2005	2:25PM	Environment Canada	Calgary Region – Rotating severe storm East of High River moving east at 20 km/h. Likely to produce large hail and may produce a tornado within the next 30 minutes near the communities of Blackie, Cayley and Ensign.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
July 19, 2005	8:36PM	Environment Canada	Calgary Region – Two severe thunderstorms have developed 10 km south of Mosley and Okotoks, moving east/southeast at 30km/h. They have produced hail and are likely to produce tornados.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.

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June 13, 2006 9:57P	M Environment Canada	Lethbridge Region – Rotating severe storm north of Del Bonita moving north at 30 km/h. Likely to produce large hail and may produce a tornado within the next 30 minutes near Del Bonita and Highway 62.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
July 9, 2006 5:36PM	Environment Canada	Calgary Region – A tornado has touched down near Carstairs and is moving east at 35km/h. It will affect Mountain View and Kneehill counties.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
6:07PM		Calgary Region – A severe thunderstorm has developed 10 km south of Strathmore and is moving east at 30 km/h. This storm has the potential to produce tornados.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
8:48PM		Calgary Region – A severe thunderstorm has developed near Milo and is moving northeastward at 30km/h. This storm has the potential to produce tornados. It will affect areas extending from Milo towards Brooks in the Vulcan County.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
July 29, 2006 5:50PM	Environment Canada	Edmonton Region – A severe thunderstorm has developed near Alder Flats and is capable of producing large hail and damaging winds. This storm is moving east at 40km/h. This storm has the potential to produce tornados. It will affect Alder Flats, Winfield, Buck Lake in the next 30 minutes.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
6:31PM		Edmonton Region – A severe thunderstorm has developed southeast of Alder Flats and has produced golf ball sized hail. The storm is moving into the east south/east at 40 km/h. This storm has the potential to produce tornados. It will affect Highway 20 between and Winfield and Rimbey, including the towns of Bluffton and Hoadley.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
6:50PN		Calgary Region – A severe thunderstorm has developed southeast of Sundre and has produced looney sized hail. It is moving east at 40km/h. This storm has the potential to produce tornados. It will affect the Olds and Didsbury areas in the next 30 minutes.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
August 10, 2006 5:04P	Environment Canada	Red Deer Region – Severe thunderstorms have developed southwest of Red Deer and has produced golf ball sized hail and 100km winds. Storm is moving towards the northeast at 30km/h. This storm has the potential to produce tornados. It will affect the areas around Red Deer or just to the south and east of Red Deer over the next 30 minutes.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the storm be prepared to seek shelter off the road, or if a tornado approaches, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.

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6:14PM		Calgary Region – Severe thunderstorm has developed near Bassano and has produced golf ball sized hail. This storm is moving east at 30 km/h. This storm has the potential to produce tornados. It will affect Rosemary and Duchess near highway 550.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the storm be prepared to seek shelter off the road, or if a tornado approaches, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
October 10, 2006	Environment Canada	Red Deer Region – A severe thunderstorm has developed just to the southwest of Red Deer and has produced golf ball sized hail and 100kms winds. This storm is moving to the northeast at 30 km per hour. This storm will continue to produce very large hail, destructive winds, intense lightening, very heavy rain, and has the potential to produce tornados. It will the affect the areas around Red Deer and areas south and east for the next 30 minutes.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately. Put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the storm, be prepared to seek shelter off the road or if a tornado approaches seek shelter in a ditch or ravine.
		Calgary Region – A severe thunderstorm has developed near Pisano and has produced golf ball sized hail. This storm is moving east at 40 kph. This storm will continue to produce large hail, destructive winds, intensive lightening, very heavy rain, and has the potential to produce tornados. It will affect the following areas: Rosemary and Duchess near highway 550.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately. Put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the storm, be prepared to seek shelter off the road or if a tornado approaches seek shelter in a ditch or ravine.
October 28, 2006 9:36PM	City of Cold Lake	Lloydminster Region There is currently a long term telephone issue where as 911 may ring busy in the City of Cold Lake north and south ncluding CFC Cold Lake.	In the event of an emergency, please call the fire stations in Cold Lake North at 780-639-3616 or Cold Lake South at 780-594-3445 or attend the Cold Lake RCMP detachments, City Hall, Cold Lake City Hospitals or either fire station. This message was sent October 28 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30 PM, this message will be updated in one hour; listen to your radio for updates.
June 5, 2007 4:24PM	Environment Canada	Edmonton Region A tornado has touched down and radar shows strong rotation in a thunderstorm just south of Stony Plain. This system is moving south, southwestward at 40km/h. This tornado will affect the following areas: Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Wabamun and areas immediately to the South.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
June 29, 2007 7:05PM	Environment Canada	Medicine Hat Region An intense severe thunderstorm has developed west of the Town of Schuler and Hilda. This storm is moving east at 50 km per hour. This storm is expected to produce very large hail, destructive winds, intense lightening, very heavy rain, and has the potential to produce tornados. It will the affect the following areas: Schuler and Hilda	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately. Put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the storm, be prepared to seek shelter off the road or if a tornado approaches seek shelter in a ditch or ravine.

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July 8, 2007	3:54PM	Environment Canada	Calgary Region A tornado has been reported touching down 20 km south of Mayerthorpe and is moving to the east, northeast at 15km/h. This tornado will affect the following areas: Rockyford Bridge and Tigerlily.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
July 15, 2007	6:02PM	Environment Canada	Calgary Region Doplar radar is tracking a severe rotating thunderstorm 25 km northwest of Cremona and is moving east, southeast at 40km/h. This dangerous storm is likely to produce hail and may produce a tornado over the next 30 minutes near the town of Cremona.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure if a tornado develops. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
	6:31PM		Calgary Region A severe thunderstorm has developed 30 km east, northeast of Olds and has produced large hail and a short lived tornado. This storm is moving east at 40 km/h. This storm will continue to produce very large hail, destructive winds, intense lightening, very heavy rain, and has the potential to produce tornados. It will affect the following areas: Torrington & Trochu	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately. Put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the storm, be prepared to seek shelter off the road or if a tornado approaches seek shelter in a ditch or ravine.
July 24, 2007	6:23PM	Environment Canada	Calgary Region Doplar radar is tracking a severe rotating thunderstorm near Rockyford that is moving east at 50km/h. This dangerous storm is likely to produce hail and may produce a tornado over the next 30 minutes near the town of Dallum & East Coulee.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure if a tornado develops. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
July 30, 2007	7:23PM	Environment Canada	Calgary Region A tornado has touched down near Crossfield, and is moving east at 40km/h. This tornado will affect the following areas: Crossfield and areas east of Crossfield.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
	7:50PM		Calgary Region Doplar radar is tracking a severe rotating thunderstorm just West of Strathmore that is moving 40km/h eastward. This dangerous storm is likely producing very large hail and may produce a tornado over the next 30 minutes near Strathmore, Standard and areas along Highway 1from Strathmore to Standard. This does not affect the City of Calgary.	Be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure if a tornado develops. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or a ravine.
September 9, 20 4:20PM	007	Town of Mayerthorpe – DDS Arnold Lotholz	Edmonton & Yellowhead Region This is Arnold Lotholz, Director of Disaster Services, Town of Mayerthorpe. We have a gas line leak in the trailer court, west of the high school	and we are asking all residents of the trailer court, please do not drive out of the area but to walk out as directed by the fire department please. Thank-you.

May 16, 2008	County of Thorhild #7 Reeve Henry Zoltuski (speaking on behalf of Cheryl	County of Thorhild #7, Hamlet of Newbrook and area This is Reeven Henry Zoltuski. The	
	Pasay)	County of Thorhild #7 has declared a local state of emergency. There is a fire located North and Northwest on the Hamlet of Newbrook. All residents are asked to evacuate their residence and go to the Thorhild community hall. Highway 63 is closed from Boyle to Highway 28. Highway 661 is through to highway 63 is closed. It is very important that all residents in the Newbrook area evacuate to the Thorhild community hall.	
June 6, 2008	Environment Canada	Ancherton and Rosalind A tornado has touched down near Isler and is moving north-west at 15 kilometers per hour. This tornado will affect the following areas Ancherton and Rosalind. This tornado will not affect the city of Edmonton.	Persons in these areas should prepare to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine. To repeat a destructive tornado has touched down near Isler and is moving northwest at 15 kilometers per hour. Persons in and around Ancherton and Rosalind should be prepared to find shelter.
July 6, 2008	Environment Canada	Airdrie A tornado has touched down 5 km North -North West of Airdrie and is moving East-North East at 40 kilometers per hour. This tornado may affect the following areas Acme and Beiseker.	Persons in these areas should prepare to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine. To repeat a destructive tornado has touched down 5 km North -North West of Airdrie and is moving East-North East at 40 kilometers per hour. Persons in and around Acme and Beiseker should be prepared to find shelter immediately.
July 15, 2008 7:33PM	Environment Canada	Vauxhall, Taber- A severe thunderstorm has developed near Vauxhall and Taber and has produced golf ball sized hail and strong winds gusting to 140kilometres per hour. This storm is moving east, southeastwards at 65 kilometers per hour. This storm will continue to produce very large hail, destructive winds, intense lightning, very heavy rain and has the potential to produce tornados. It will affect the following areas: communities in and around the city of Medicine Hat, Bow Islands Suffield and Irvine.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately. Put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the storm be prepared to seek shelter off the road. Or if a tornado approaches seek shelter in a ditch and ravine. To repeat, an intense severe thunderstorm has developed near Vauxhall and Taber and is moving southeast wards at 65 kilometers an hour. Person in and around the communities of the city of Medicine hat, Bow Islands, Suffield and Irvine should be prepared to find shelter immediately.
July 15, 2008 7:59PM	Environment Canada	Bow Island- A tornado has touched down near Bow Island and is moving eastwards at 60 kilometers per hour. This tornado will affect the following areas: Whita, Murray Lake, Seven Persons, Secondary Highways 885 and 887.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine. To repeat, a destructive tornado has touched down near Bow Island and is moving eastwards at 60 kilometers and hour. Persons in and around Whita, Murray lake, Seven Persons, Second Highways 885 and 887 should be prepared to find shelter immediately.

July 15, 2008 8:44 PM	Environment Canada	Seven Persons- A tornado has touched down near Seven Persons and is moving eastwards at 60 kilometers and hour. This tornado will affect the following areas: Irvine, Walsh, Highway 40 and the TransCanada highway.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine. To repeat, a destructive tornado has touched down near Seven Persons and is moving eastwards at 60 kilometers per hour. Persons in and around Irvine, Walsh, Highway 40 and the TransCanada highway should be prepared to find shelter immediately.
August 1, 2008	Town of Spirit River (Theresa Sandul -Mayor)	Town of Spirit River- A boil water advisory has been issued as of 11 a.m, Friday August 1 <sup>st</sup> for the Town of Spirit River until further notice. This is a precautionary measure because of concerns about the quality of this water due to elevated turbidity levels.	Until this concern has been rectified it is essential that no one drink, cook or brush teeth with this water unless it has been boiled for one minute at a full boil. This boil water advisory will remain in affect until the source of the concern has been rectified and a bacteriological examination confirms that the water is safe to drink. There has been no illness associated with consumption of the water. Further updates will be supplied. If you have concerns please phone environmental public health at the Grande Prairie Community Health Centre, or contact the Town of Spirit River at 780-864-3998. Written notices will be hand delivered to every house hold by 5p.m today.
August 8, 2008	Town of Two Hills (Al Ropchan –Director of Emergency Management)	Town of Two Hills- A water main break has occurred in the Town of Two Hills.	Persons living in the Town of Two Hills must restrict the use of water until further notice. If you require potable water please contact the Town of Two Hills Office at 780-657-2482 for the location of available water.
August 8, 2008	Town of Two Hills (Al Ropchan –Director of Emergency Management)	Town of Two Hills- The local authority of the Town of Two Hills has declared a state of local emergency in the Town of Two Hills due to a water main break causing a loss of water pressure throughout the town.	Residents will restrict the use of water until further notice. If you require potable water please contact the Town Office at 780-657-2482 for the location of available water.
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May 4, 2009	Lamont County (Al Harvey-Manager)	Lamont County- At 4:10pm on Monday May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, Lamont County Council declared a state of local emergency for divisions 5 and 3 due to the current fire situation and threat to property and health. A reception centre has been set up at the Lamont Recreation Centre Home.	People being evacuated must report to the Reception Centre. If you have any questions please contact the Lamont County Office at 780-895-2233.
June 25 , 2009	Environment Canada	Municipal District of Provost- A tornado has touched down 20 kilometers west of Provost on Highway 600 and is moving north-eastwards at 85 kilometers per hour. This tornado will affect the following areas, the Municipal District of Provost.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine. To repeat a destructive tornado has touched down 20 kilometers west of Provost and is moving north-eastwards at 85 kilometers per hour. Persons in and around the Town of Provost and the Municipal District of Provost and Highway 600 should be prepared to find shelter immediately.

July 4, 2009	Environment Canada	Blackfalds- A tornado has touched down near Blackfalds and is moving south east- wards at 30 kilometers per hour. This tornado will affect the following areas, Bentley, Gull Lake and Blackfalds.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine. To repeat a tornado has touched down near Blackfalds and is moving southeastwards at 30 kilometers an hour. Persons in and around Bentley, Gull Lake and Blackfalds should be prepared to take shelter immediately.
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August 21, 2009	Environment Canada	Drayton Valley A rotating severe thunderstorm is tracking near Drayton Valley moving east at 35 km/hr. This thunderstorm is likely to produce very large hail and may produce a tornado over the next 30 minutes in areas of Drayton Valley east of Carnwood.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure if a tornado develops. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine.
May 16, 2010	Alberta Emergency Management Agency	Westlock County A mandatory evacuation notice has been issued by the Westlock County RCMP due to a wildfire in the Opal area. The evacuation notice applies to the following areas: Half Moon Lake Road between RR 234-230, Township Roads 584-590, Regal Park area, RR 230-234 and Townships Roads 592-590.	Persons in or near the affected areas should evacuate immediately to a reception centre at the Half Moon Lake Hall located at Township Road 590 and RR 235.
June 29, 2010	Environment Canada	Whitecourt Area A rotating severe thunderstorm is tracking 30 km south east of Whitecourt and is moving east northeast at 40 km per hour. This dangerous storm is likely producing very large hail and may produce a tornado over the next 30 minutes near Mayerthorpe and Rockford Bridge.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure if the tornado develops. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado take shelter in a ditch or ravine.
July 12, 2010	Environment Canada	Strathmore Area  Doppler radar is currently tracking a rotating severe thunderstorm just north of Strathmore and is moving eastward at 20 km/hr. This dangerous storm is likely to produce very large hail and may produce a tornado over the next 30 minutes over Wheatland County.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or a reinforced structure if a tornado develops. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine.
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July 16, 2010	Environment Canada	Arrowood Area Doppler radar is tracking two rotating severe thunderstorm near Arrowood and just northwest of Bassano that are moving eastward at 35 kms/hr. These dangerous storms are likely to produce very large hail and may produce a tornado over the next 30 minutes near the area between Milo and east of Bassano.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or a reinforced structure if a tornado develops. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine.

July 26, 2010	Environment Canada	Southeast of Calgary Area Doppler Radar is tracking a severe rotating thunderstorm just southeast of Calgary that is moving southeast at 40 km/hr. This dangerous storm is likely producing very large hail and may produce a tornado over the next 30 minutes near Langdon, Dalemead and Carsland.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or a reinforced structure should a tornado develop. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, take shelter in a ditch or ravine.
July 30, 2010 3:24 PM	Environment Canada	Sundre Area A destructive tornado has touched down 10 k west of Sundre near the James River bridge and is moving south east at 25 km and hour. This tornado will affect areas near Sundre and to the south west.	People in the south west area should seek shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure. Get low and put as much between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from doors windows and outside walls. If you are on the highway and unable to avoid the storm, seek shelter immediately in a ditch or a ravine. Please seek shelter immediately.
3:56 PM	Environment Canada	Ghost Lake area Doppler radar is tracking a rotating severe thunderstorm 15 km southwest of Water Valley moving south eastward at 25 km/hr. This storm is likely to produce large hail and may produce a tornado over the next 20 minutes near Bottrel and Ghost Lake.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure if the tornado develops. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado take shelter in a ditch or ravine.
August 22, 2010 9:23 PM	Environment Canada	Grande Prairie area: Doppler radar is tracking a rotating thunderstorm 10km south east of Grand Prairie that is moving to the east at 30 km/h. This dangerous storm may produce a tornado over the next 30 minutes near Grovedale.	Persons in these areas should be prepared to take shelter immediately in a basement or reinforced structure if a tornado develops. Get low and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible. Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls. If you are on the highway and cannot avoid the tornado, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine.

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## History of Activations AMBER Alert using the EPWS Complied to February 11, 2011

Date	Activating Agency	EPWS Region and Event	Instructions
December 5, 2003	Edmonton Police Service	Edmonton Region – Teenager has been abducted from the U of A Hospital. AMBER Alert issued	Requesting public assistance in tracing and identifying a vehicle license number. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.
March 30, 2004	Royal Canadian Mounted Police	Edmonton and Lloydminster Regions – A seven year old child has been abducted on the Saddle Lake Indian Reserve in Northeastern Alberta. AMBER Alert Issued.	Requesting public assistance in finding abductor and child by description. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.
July 20, 2006	Calgary Police Service	Calgary, Banff and Kananaskis Regions- Mother abducts child, with the assistance of a male companion, during Social Services supervised visit.	Requesting public assistance in finding abductor and child. Vehicle found and child later returned to Social Services by a friend of the suspect. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.
July 7, 2007 2:15PM	Red Deer RCMP	South Alberta – 15 year old female, in company of 21 year old boyfriend missing from Lacombe, most likely headed towards Calgary.	Requesting public assistance in finding abductor and child. Vehicle found and child later returned to parents. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.
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November 14, 2007 6:18PM	Drumheller RCMP	South Alberta – At approximately 3:36PM, young male 6 years old is believed to be taken from the Drumheller area by an 18 year old. Suspect and victim may or may not be in a white four door Pontiac G6.	Requesting public assistance in finding abductor, child, and vehicle. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.
May 1, 2008	Edmonton Police Service (SSgt. Donald Curle)	Edmonton 15 month old Aboriginal male. Last seen on April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 at approximately 5pm. Believed to be taken by his step-grandfather, 39 years old, Aboriginal male. Possibly travelling in a white 2001 Ford F150 truck, quad cab, chrome rims. Possibly travelling in and around the Edmonton area or northern Alberta	Requesting public assistance in finding abductor, child, and vehicle. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.
October 5, 2008	Edmonton Police Service	Edmonton—7 year old female. Last seen at approximately 11:15 am on October 5, 2008. Believed to be taken by a 20 to 30 year old Caucasian male. Possibly travelling in a newer SUV, royal blue in color. Possibly travelling west bound in and around the Edmonton area.	Requesting public assistance in finding abductor, child, and vehicle. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.

April 7, 2009	RCMP Strathcona County	Strathcona –A five and a half month old baby boy. Last seen in Sherwood Park on Tuesday April 7th, 2009. Believed to be taken by an unknown male in his teens. Possibly travelling in a 2008, black dodge ram 3500, four door, extended cab pick-up.	Requesting public assistance in finding abductor, child, and vehicle. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.
June, 20, 2009	Edmonton Police Service	Edmonton –A 16 year old native female last seen in the area of 28 Ave. and 48 Street in Edmonton. The abductor is described as a 25 year old male who may be operating a 1995 grey Ford Windstar van.	Requesting public assistance in finding abductor, child, and vehicle. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.
October 29, 2010	Sherwood Park RCMP	Sherwood Park – 12 year old male	Requesting public assistance in finding
		abducted Thursday October 28, 2010 at 3:45 p.m. Last seen getting into a vehicle in front of his house located in the Ranchlands Subdivision in Sherwood Park. Police believe the victim was taken by his mother age 40. The vehicle is described as a White, 2002 Ford Taurus sedan. British Columbia temporary license plate V2P 4J3. Direction of travel and possible destination is unknown. The abductor may also be in the company of her daughter, aged 15.	abductor, child, and vehicle. CHILD SAFELY RECOVERED.

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