

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM

THE FAIR LAWN RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM AT THE DOBROW SPORTS COMPLEX LOCATED ON HARRISTOWN ROAD.

AN EFFECTIVE LIGHTNING SAFETY PROGRAM IS DEPENDENT ON THE COOPERATION OF THE FIELD USERS, AS WELL AS PROPERLY FUNCTIONING TECHNOLOGY. WE REALIZE THAT COMPLIANCE WITH THE DETECTION SYSTEM WILL INCREASE ONCE RESIDENTS AND USERS OF OUR FACILITIES UNDERSTAND HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS AND WHAT TO DO WHEN THERE IS A THREAT OF LIGHTNING.

THIS SYSTEM IS IN PLACE TO PROTECT ALL SCHEDULED FIELD USERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WHICH INCLUDES CASUAL FIELD USERS (WALKERS, JOGGERS, ETC.). PLEASE FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

THE UNIT CONSISTS OF A CONTROL BOX, A LED LIGHT PANEL, AND A SET OF HORNS.

THE SYSTEM CAN DETECT STRIKES FROM A DISTANCE OF 40 MILES, BUT IS SET TO ACTIVATE WHEN A STRIKE IS WITHIN 8 MILES. WHEN A STRIKE OCCURS WITHIN THAT DISTANCE, THE 3-8 MILE L.E.D. LIGHT WILL FLASH AND THE HORN WILL SOUND.

THE HORN AND LIGHT WILL CONTINUE TO FLASH AND SOUND EACH TIME AS STRIKES OCCUR WITHIN THE 0-8 MILE RANGE AND AS THE STORM MOVES IN AND THEN MOVES OUT OF THE AREA.



WHAT TO DO WHEN THE HORN GOES OFF



WHEN THE HORN SOUNDS ALL FIELD USERS SHOULD CLEAR THE FIELD AND IMMEDIATELY SEEK SHELTER. A SAFE SHELTER INCLUDES A GROUNDED BUILDING OR VEHICLE WITH A METAL ROOF.

DO NOT SEEK SHELTER UNDER TREES OR IN THE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DUGOUTS. CLEAR THE FIELD ENTIRELY.

HOW LONG TO WAIT TO RESUME PLAY

THE INDUSTRY STANDARD IS 30 MINUTES FROM THE LAST HORN SOUND.

REMEMBER: THE HORN AND LIGHT WILL CONTINUE TO FLASH AND SOUND AS STRIKES OCCUR WITHIN THE 0-8 MILE RANGE AND AS THE STORM MOVES IN AND MOVES OUT.

YOU MUST WAIT 30 MINUTES FROM THE LAST HORN SOUND TO RETURN TO THE FIELDS.

YOUR OBLIGATION TO COMPLY: RULES FOR COMPLYING WITH THE LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM ARE POSTED AT THE FIELD.

- VIOLATION OF THESE RULES IS GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION.
- ALL FIELD USERS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH THE SYSTEM BY IMMEDIATELY VACATING THE FIELD AND SEEKING SHELTER. THIS INCLUDES COACHES, PARENTS, SPECTATORS, AND REFEREES/UMPIRES.
- THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. LIGHTNING KILLS AND HEEDING THE ALERTS COULD BE A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE FAIR LAWN RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY OF ANY SYSTEM PROBLEMS YOU THINK MAY HAVE OCCURRED BY TELEPHONE AT 201-796-6746 OR EMAIL AT RECREATION@FAIRLAWN.ORG. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL #911.