

COON RAPIDS RAGBRAI SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

I. Purpose

The purpose of this severe weather plan is to develop a procedure for warning RAGBRAI guests of approaching severe weather and to identify locations of safety where RAGBRAI guests may seek shelter.

II. Policy

The Coon Rapids police, fire and ambulance departments will monitor weather conditions through the National Weather Service during the time RAGBRAI guests will be in town in order to provide early warnings of approaching severe weather.

III. Procedure

1. The Coon Rapids police, fire and ambulance departments will monitor weather conditions.
2. If a severe weather warning is issued in the Coon Rapids area, law enforcement officers will announce the warning to all RAGBRAI participants through their public address systems from their patrol cars as well as over the PA systems in the beer garden and on Main Street. Riders will be notified to relocate to the emergency shelters. If a tornado has been sighted, the outdoor warning sirens shall be activated by the fire department.

IV. Storm Shelters

Riders can take shelter from rain and hail in the following locations:

- QA Lab Buildings (south side of Main Street between Fifth and Fourth Avenues)
- American Legion Community Building - 419 Main Street (north side of Main Street between Fifth and Fourth Avenues)
- First United Methodist Church - 119 4th Avenue (corner of Fourth Avenue and Main Street)
- Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities - 123 3rd Avenue (corner of Third Avenue and Main Street)
- Carroll County Fairgrounds – 214 8th Avenue (corner of Eighth Avenue and Elm Street)

Tornado Shelter:

- Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities - 123 3rd Avenue (corner of Third Avenue and Main Street)