



## **MEDIA RELEASE AND COMMUNITY NOTICE**

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### **New Outdoor Warning Siren Now Operational**

**Town of Erie and MVFPD Partner on Emergency Notification System**

**ERIE, CO** – The Town of Erie and Mountain View Fire Protection District (MVFPD) would like to inform the public that the new outdoor warning siren was installed at MVFPD Station #6 on Thursday, June 11, 2009 and is now operational.

*Please note that during an all hazard warning, such as a tornado warning, the siren's Alert Tone will sound for three (3) minutes. The public is reminded that outdoor warning sirens are designed to alert those outdoors to seek shelter immediately and to listen to local news radio or television for essential emergency information. Outdoor sirens are not intended to alert those indoors.*

Select the link below to listen to an audio sample of the All Hazard Alert Tone:

<http://www.whelen.com/outdoor/audio/Tone%20Wav%20Files/Alert.mp3>

BACKGROUND: In April of this year, the Town of Erie and [Mountain View Fire Protection District](#) approved an Intergovernmental Agreement for the purchase and installation of a new outdoor warning notification siren for MVFPD's Station 6 located at Erie Parkway and Bonanza Drive in Erie. The siren matches others currently in operation throughout Boulder County and will augment the existing siren located on 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Lafayette which services southwestern Erie. Coordination and testing of the county-wide network of outdoor sirens is managed by the [Boulder County Office of Emergency Management](#) (BOEM). Activation of the sirens is controlled through the [Boulder County Communications Center](#) which dispatches all emergency communications for the Town of Erie.

BOEM, MVFPD and the Town of Erie would like to remind the public that outdoor sirens are tested the **first Monday** of the month April through September at **10:00 am** and **7:00 pm**. During monthly tests, the Alert Tone will sound for one (1) minute.

For more information about emergency notification systems including NOAA All Hazard Weather Alert Radios, please visit the [Emergency Preparedness](#) page of the Town of Erie's website.

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