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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HOUSTON/GALVESTON
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Dear Emergency Manager,

The week of February 22ND through February 28th has been designated as "Severe Weather Awareness Week" in the State of Texas. During this week, all National Weather Service (NWS) offices serving the Lone Star State will be actively involved in promoting severe weather awareness.

In addition, the Houston/Galveston NWS office will be participating in a region wide tornado drill for southeast Texas. At approximately 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 25th, the Houston/Galveston NWS office will issue a mock tornado warning for all 23 counties in southeast Texas. The warning will be issued through broadcast on the NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio. This will give schools, government agencies, businesses, and other interested parties an opportunity to practice their emergency operation plans for tomadoes.

Emergency management plays a vital role in severe weather and your participation in Severe Weather Awareness Week will be very much appreciated. This would be a great opportunity to closely coordinate with schools in your area. We would like you to help us promote this week which will raise the public's awareness of severe weather hazards. Promoting Severe Weather Awareness Week can be accomplished by having media interviews and providing talks to schools and civic organizations.

We would also like you to help us evaluate our efforts to improve the public's awareness. In the following weeks, you will receive a second letter containing additional information on "Severe Weather Awareness Week". The National Weather Service looks forward to your participation in this important venture.

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail (dan.reilly@noaa.gov) or call me at (281) 337-5074, extension 223.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Dan Reilly".

Dan Reilly
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