



## Emergency Phone Call Saves Lives in Carlisle, AR

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Hundreds of tornado survivors in Carlisle say if not for one phone call they may not have survived. That call came from the Carlisle Police Department's Alert Express Notification System.

"It was getting scary," said Eddie Moore.

What better way to describe the moments before a tornado ripped through the small town of Carlisle, destroying anything in its path.

Eddie Moore thought he was safe at his tire service shop, until he got the 'Alert Express Notification' phone call.

Recording: "The Carlisle area is under a warning; all residents are urged to take shelter in a safe location.

Eddie's TV isn't in the best shape and sometimes doesn't even work. Friday it wasn't even turned on, so Eddie says if he didn't get the call he may not be here today.

"I think it did save our lives, the alert saved our lives, three of us at least, that were here," said Eddie Moore.

That's because he left the shop after getting the call, and took his family into the storm shelter.

"We locked the doors down, the winds blew the doors off, they sure did, and the wind blew the roof off the building next door," said Eddie Moore.

Carlisle Police Chief Eric Frank says the alert system is important because sirens aren't supposed to be heard inside.

"I'm a husband, and a father, just like a lot of other men in town, and I'm also a police chief. I'm concerned for safety, and security and well being of every resident in town," said Chief Eric Frank.

The system is versatile and will alert people about anything ranging from prisoner escapes to tornadoes.

In the event of an emergency, the Alert Express Notification System will call, fax, or e-mail residents. Typically, police use the call setting.

Anyone with a listed telephone number in the Carlisle area will automatically receive the warning.

Those with only cell phones can call the Carlisle Police Department and be added to the notification list. That number is: (870) 552-3431.