

# **Jadon's Hope 5K Bug Run**

## **SEVERE WEATHER PLAN**

### **I. GENERAL**

- A. This severe weather plan identifies protective actions to take during severe weather by management, personnel, and attendees of special events sponsored by the Jadon's Hope Foundation and Rolling Ridge Elementary.
- B. Flexibility must be exercised when implementing this plan because of the wide variety and threat levels of severe weather that occurs in Olathe. If discretion is exercised, err on the side of safety.

### **II. ASSUMPTIONS**

The possibility of severe weather may exist at any time, especially during special events.

### **III. BASIC PLAN**

- A. Subcommittee to be responsible for employee and participant safety during the special event. Amy Vrban, Jennifer Snyder, Kristin Burks, Tony Burks, and John Ernst.
  - 1. Subcommittee to monitor weather conditions at least a day before the event and the morning of the event. (Same as above)
  - 2. If severe weather may threaten the area, take the weather alert radio to the special event and have someone monitor it there.
- B. Notification Procedures
  - 1. Before the event - If severe weather is anticipated for the time frame the event is scheduled, make plans to cancel or postpone the event. Contact the Olathe Fire (Marvin Butler) and Police Department (Grant Allen), Colby Kost(Traffic) and Paul Krueger (Parks and Rec) with the city that the event has been cancelled.
  - 2. During the event - If severe weather occurs during the event, Amy Vrban, Jennifer Snyder, Kristin Burks, Tony Burks, and John Ernst of the safety

subcommittee will make appropriate announcements to those in attendance.

- a. **Severe Thunderstorm Watch** - If a Severe Thunderstorm Watch is issued for the area, the following announcement will be made:

**A Severe Thunderstorm Watch is in effect for Johnson County. The event is canceled/postponed until further notice. Please leave the area as quickly as possible.**

- b. **Severe Thunderstorm Warning** - If a Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued for the area, the following announcement will be made:

**A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is in effect for County. The event is canceled/postponed until further notice. Please leave the area as soon as possible.**

- c. **Tornado Watch** - If a Tornado Watch is issued for the area, the following announcement will be made:

**A Tornado Watch is in effect for Johnson County. The event is canceled/postponed until further notice/until the Tornado Watch expires or is canceled by the National Weather Service. Please leave the area as quickly as possible.**

- d. **Tornado Warning** - If a Tornado Warning is issued for the area, the following announcement will be made:

**A Tornado Warning is in effect for Johnson County. Take cover immediately. Do not go to your vehicle. Go to the inside of the school/ hallways.**

- e. **Tornado Sighting/Touchdown** - If a Tornado has been sighted in the area, or if a touchdown has occurred, the following announcement will be made:

**A Tornado has been sighted. All persons should take cover immediately. Do not go to your vehicle. Go to the inside of the school/ hallways.**

- f. **Other Severe Weather** - If other severe weather occurs, such as heavy rain, high winds, lightning, hail, etc... all activities will be interrupted immediately and the following announcement will be made:

**This event is canceled/postponed until further notice. Please**

**leave the area/take cover as quickly as possible.**

**Shelter can be taken inside of the school and gymnasium for those at the school grounds. For individuals on the course and 5K route will need to find shelter. Committee members depending on the weather that has been issued will drive the course and pick up participants as needed.**

3. Other – Committee members will have available a mobile phone, hand radio or other communication device in case emergency responders must report to the area due to injuries, etc... Olathe Fire department and Police department are on site for the event and can be contacted. Fire: 913-461-6566 (Marvin Butler) Police: 913-971-7702 ( Captain Grant Allen) 913-971-6725 (Sgt. Johnny Rolland)

#### IV. IDENTIFICATION OF BEST AVAILABLE PROTECTIVE AREAS

- A. In the event of a Tornado Warning, sighting, or touchdown the following locations are designated as the best available protective areas for **outside, open spaces:**
  1. Inside the School
  2. Surrounding homes if on the course

#### V. SUPERSESSION

This document is the initial Severe Weather Plan for Special Events for the Jadon's Hope 5K Bug Run and may be updated or amended as required.

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Effective Date

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