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## Press Release

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### Tornado Sighting

The National Weather Service issued a Tornado Warning at 15:24 for Tuscarawas County. The County's 911 Dispatch Center broadcasted an advisory page as soon as it was received.

At 15:34, Sherrodsville Squad 201 radioed Central Dispatch announcing that a "major funnel cloud" had been sighted in the Cotton Valley School area.

For the first time, Tuscarawas County Sheriff Walt Wilson implemented the new "Priority Radio Traffic Policy" for our County at 15:35. All County Fire Departments were asked to man their stations in accordance with the Standard Operating Guidelines as set by the County's Fire Chiefs. Along with the Fire Stations being manned, all Safety Personnel were asked to use the County's radio system only for life threatening or critical situations that required immediate assistance.

The Priority Radio Traffic conditions were lifted at 16:04 when the National Weather Service lifted the Tornado Warning for Tuscarawas County.