



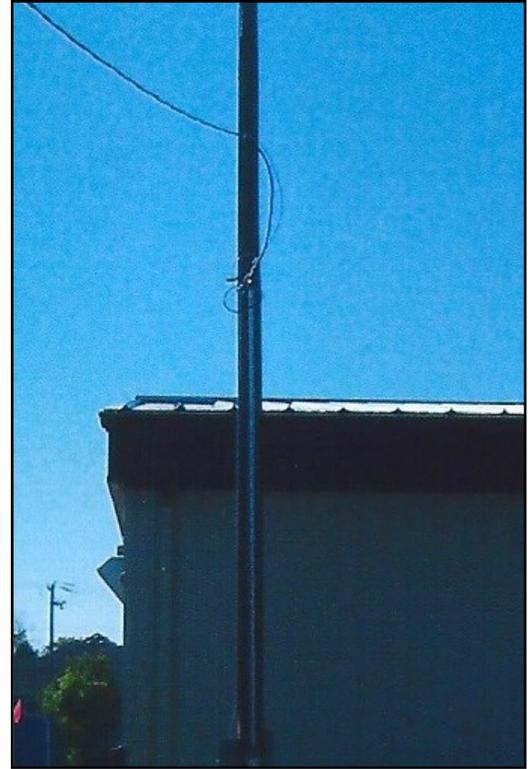
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Ring the Alarm! Ewing Installs New Early Warning Sirens

The Village of Ewing in Holt County, Nebraska had two sirens, one of which was inoperable and not repairable. Its one remaining siren was also old and worn out. Then it quit working, leaving the village without a way to provide emergency warnings to the public.

USDA Rural Development provided assistance in obtaining a grant of \$18,100 to help cover the cost of purchase and installation of the new warning sirens. They assisted when needed and even helped with completing the application for the grant. The village added its own funding of \$6,100, making the total project cost \$24,200.

Recent tornadoes in Nebraska emphasize the need for reliable emergency warning sirens. The village installed two new three phase warning sirens including starters, wireless radio siren controllers and utility pole mounting brackets. Reliance on television and cell phones for storm warnings is good for many, but not everyone has access to these sources. Now all the residents of Ewing can once again feel secure in knowing that in case of an emergency there are also new reliable early warning sirens in place.



The early warning sirens will help protect the residents of the Village of Ewing.

Obligation Amount: \$18,100 grant

Date of Obligation: 07/24/2014

Congressional District: Representative Smith, NE-3rd District; Senators Fischer and Sasse

Partners: Village of Ewing

Demographics: Small town residents

Impact: Installation of warning system; resident safety and preparedness