

In 1999, MEMA launched Mississippi's first-ever Tornado Awareness Initiative. As part of that project, the state purchased and distributed 2,000 NOAA Weather Radios. Placement of those radios included public, private and parochial schools, local government offices, state agency offices and other public institutions.

MEMA is working with the National Weather Service and NOAA Weather Radio to expand the system so that all Mississippians can receive warnings across the National Weather Radio network. Receiving early notification of impending storms is vital to the safety of Mississippians.

As the Hurricane season begins in Mississippi, we are quickly reminded of the devastation that can quickly happen to our state. That is why it is essential for each one of us to take responsibility for making their Mississippi's families storm ready. Working together, we all can remain safe during a crisis.