

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Department Heads, Sports Coaches, Officials, and Parents  
FROM: Michael Colitti, Director of Recreation  
RE: Thor Guard Lightning Warning System

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As you may be aware, the Borough of Roseland has installed Thor Guard Lightning Prediction Systems in several areas throughout the community. The Recreation Department has posted guidelines for the users of recreational facilities during thunderstorms at the parks/fields mentioned below.

The Lightning Prediction and Warning Systems detect atmospheric conditions that indicate a lightning strike is imminent – within a 10-15 minute time frame. Warning horns and/or a strobe light are located at Bond Force Park, Harrison Complex, Noecker School, and Tedesco Park. When lightning is detected, a single 15-second blast of the horn will be activated. When the danger of a lightning strike has passed, an all-clear signal of three (3) five-second blasts of the horn will be sounded. Additionally, each horn cluster will be accompanied by, or in some areas have, a remote amber strobe light which will remain activated until the all-clear signal is sounded.

The Roseland Recreation Department has mandated that anyone who hears the warning signal should seek shelter in a building (if available) or car, and remain in the shelter until the all-clear signal is activated. If no covered shelter is available, avoid open areas, water, tall trees, metal fences, overhead wires and power lines, elevated ground, cellular phones, and radios. If the warning signal should occur a second time, all games and practices must be cancelled.

In closing, please remember that umpires are still in charge, and have the authority to cancel or stop play temporarily at their discretion if they feel it is necessary, irregardless of the Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System activating.

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