



Cass County Emergency Services Board

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Press release from the Cass County Emergency Services Board

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On Friday, April 17, the Cass County Emergency Services Board identified and received complaints about false cancellation notifications of the tornado warning issued for Cass County and immediately began investigating the incident. The accuracy of severe weather notifications are of utmost importance to the CCESB and we want to assure our community that their safety is our highest priority.

Cass County Emergency Notification System is a free service provided by the Cass County Emergency Services Board through Everbridge, the company that provides the software enabling mass notifications through text messages, telephone calls, or emails. This service alerts our citizens to severe weather events and other major incidents in their immediate area, enabling direct messaging from the National Weather Service to Cass County residents who have opted to receive these messages. These NWS messages are automated to ensure they are communicated as quickly as possible.

The investigation continues into the timeline of the Tornado Warning, the subsequent updates the NWS provided, and how the Everbridge system communicated those updates to our community. The CCESB, Everbridge, and the National Weather Service are working together to review all information to determine what occurred and to ensure this does not happen again. We will keep the public updated to ensure they can have confidence in the accuracy of these emergency communications notifications.

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