

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL ATHLETIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN 2013-14

Athletic Emergency Action Plan

Date Revised: June 19, 2013

This Athletic Emergency Plan is part of a school wide TFS Emergency Plan that involves local law enforcement agencies, rescue agencies, and medical personnel

SEVERE WEATHER INSTRUCTIONS

(To be posted in all baseball, gym, soccer field house, and tennis areas)

SEVERE LIGHTNING IN THE AREA:

(To be announced)

UPPER FIELD/TRACK AND TENNIS COURTS

DUE TO SEVERE LIGHTNING WE ARE ADVISING EVERYONE TO LEAVE THE AREA.

- HOME PLAYERS REPORT TO THE FIELD HOUSE
- GUEST PLAYERS MAY REPORT TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF FIELD HOUSE OR TO THEIR BUS OR TO THE CLASSROOM BUILDING
- TFS DORM STUDENTS GO TO CLASSROOM BUILDING
- OTHERS, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR VEHICLES
- THE SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE OPENED AS WELL

AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE CONCERNING THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTEST

BASEBALL FIELD

DUE TO SEVERE LIGHTNING WE ARE ADVISING EVERYONE TO LEAVE THE AREA.

- HOME PLAYERS STAY IN THE DUGOUT AWAY FROM THE FENCE
- GUEST PLAYERS PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR BUS
- DORM STUDENTS GO TO THE CLASSROOM BUILDING
- OTHERS, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR VEHICLES
- THE SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE OPENED

AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE CONCERNING THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTEST

<u>GYM</u>

THERE ARE REPORTS OF THREATS OF SEVERE STORMS IN THE AREA. YOU ARE WELCOME TO REMAIN IN THE GYM UNTIL THE IMMEDIATE THREATS ARE OVER. ALL BOARDING STUDENTS ARE TO REMAIN IN THE GYM UNTIL DIRECTED ELSEWHERE.

Tallulah Falls School Lightning Policy Home Athletic Contests & Practices

Thunderbolt Storm Detector

The Game Administrator / TFS Coach / properly trained personnel will communicate the TFS Lightning Policy to teams and officials involved; will monitor the lightning detector and weather; and will initiate the sheltering and evacuation procedures.

Set the Utility <u>*Thunderbolt Storm Detector*</u> visual alarm (red) at 20 miles, Audible Alarm I at 15 miles, and Audible Alarm II at 12 miles.

Stage 1 - <u>At Visual (RED light) Alarm (20 miles)</u> continue to monitor the storm closely.

Stage 2 • <u>At Audible Alarm I (15 miles)</u>, Game Administrator should announce, "We are monitoring a storm in the general area. Anyone with special needs might want to begin seeking shelter."

Stage 3 - <u>At Audible Alarm II (12 miles</u>), Stop activities and seek shelter *until storm is beyond 12 miles*!

Stage 4 - <u>"WARNING! STORM IS LOCAL!"</u> monitor message means STORM IS WITHIN 8 MILES! SEEK SAFE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!

Safe Return to the Practice/Contest Area When Storm is BEYOND 12 MILES

Common Thunderbolt Monitor Text Messages

STRIKES DETECTED! – lightning activity detected and gathering more data

CLOSEST ACTIVITY (XX) MILES - closest detected stroke during initial data collection

STORM ACTIVITY (XX) MILES – location of plotted storm

STORM ACTIVITY ETA (XX) MINUTES – estimated arrival of storm based on distance and approach speed

WARNING! STORM IS LOCAL! – storm is w/n 8 miles and striking distance. SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!

TIME TO CLEAR: (xx:XX) MINUTES – time it will take for storm to move at least (X) miles from detector location

SQUALL LINE OR MULTIPLE STORMS – storm(s) detected, exercise caution.

Adapted from School District of Indian River County, Florida 6-11-12 revised

Shelter / Evacuation

TFS athletes are to go inside the field house (when at upper field), baseball dugout or vehicle (when at baseball field), or to a safe location and wait for announcements.

The visiting team should go inside the field house or dugout (away from fences) or to their team bus/vehicles. The exterior of the field house, bleachers, and open areas are not safe and should be cleared.

A vehicle is considered safe if it is fully enclosed with a hard metal roof, rubber tires, and completely closed windows. Persons should not touch the sides of the vehicle! Convertible, "soft-top" vehicles and golf carts do not provide a high level of protection and should not be considered safe.

If unable to reach safe shelter, persons should stay away from the tallest trees or objects (i.e. light poles, flag poles, etc.), metal objects (i.e. fences, bleachers, etc.), individual trees, standing pools of water, and open fields. Persons should avoid being the highest object in an open field.

In situations where thunder and/or lightning may or may not be present, yet someone feels his/her hair stand on end and skin tingle, LIGHTNING IS IMMINENT! Assume the "lightning-crouch" position heels together and hands over ears.

All individuals have the right to leave the site or activity, without fear of repercussion or penalty, in order to seek a safe structure or location if they feel that they are in danger from impending lightning activity.

Pre-hospital Care of Victims of a Lightning Strike

The first priority is to move the lightning strike victim to a safe location. Prompt, aggressive CPR has been highly effective for the survival of victims of lightning strikes. CPR and AED use is initiated as soon as safely possible.

At TFS, an AED is located with the soccer team (in soccer side of field house), baseball team (home dugout during baseball season), gym upstairs basketball storage area, student center next to restrooms, and weight room on top of the green shelf.

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Thunderbolt International 1-800-244-2202 www.Tbi-usa.com

LIGHTNING DETECTOR GUIDELINES AT ALL OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS

The following operational guidelines apply to the operation of the **SkyScan detectors (tennis, baseball practices)**

Each time SkyScan detects a lightning stroke, it will emit an audible warning tone (must be switched on) and lights the RANGE INDICATOR column.

The full column will stay lit for approximately 3 seconds.

The single indicator corresponding to the range of the detected stroke will then blink for approximately 25 seconds. This feature allows you to quickly see the distance to the last, closest detected stroke without waiting for the SkyScan to detect a new stroke.

Since the average stroke of lightning is 6 miles long be aware that you are in immediate danger any time there is a detected lightning activity within 8-10 miles of your location. The SkyScan can also detect lightning patterns that indicate the presence of severe storms that may produce dangerous winds, heavy rains and tornadoes. When Sky Scan detects these type storms, it activates the SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING and emits a 15 second continuous audible alarm different from the normal lightning alarm. The SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING will stay lit as long as there is a danger.

SkyScan is designed to operate in a vertical position.

The RANGE SELECT SWITCH allows you to choose the distance at which detected lightning strokes will trigger the AUDIBLE WARNING TONE. The instruction book recommends that you use the AUDIBLE WARNING TONE at the maximum range whenever possible.

The following guidelines apply to the general use of the detectors: A fully operational lightning detector is to be present at all outdoor athletic competitions.

An administrator (game manager) assigned to the event should be responsible for assuring that the detector is working and at the location.

If a school has more than one event taking place on the campus, the game manager should notify the other locations if detection is noted.

If detection is noted at a competition on campus and there are other teams practicing outdoors, they are to be notified and advised to follow the same guidelines being followed at the game site.

It is the responsibility of the Game Manager to ensure that the lightning detector(s) is working properly and has a charged battery.

Be aware that storms can form directly over your location, offering little or no advance warning even when using SkyScan. You must remember that SkyScan does not predict where the next lightning stroke might occur. Thunderstorms are unpredictable and should be considered extremely dangerous. Common sense and extreme caution should always be used when confronting lightning and thunderstorm activity.

If detection occurs and the players are sent indoors, an announcement is to be made to the spectators advising them of the situation and requesting them to seek shelter as well.

(To be posted in all baseball, gym, soccer field house, and tennis areas)

(To be announced)

THREAT OF TORNADOES IN THE AREA

<u>UPPER FIELD/TRACK AND TENNIS COURTS</u>

DUE TO THREAT OF TORNADOES IN THE AREA, WE ARE ADVISING EVERYONE TO LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY.

- TFS SOCCER PLAYERS REPORT TO THE FIELD HOUSE
- TFS TENNIS PLAYERS REPORT TO THE CLASSROOM BUILDING
- GUEST PLAYERS MAY REPORT TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF FIELD HOUSE OR TO THE CLASSROOM BUILDING
- DORM STUDENTS GO TO THE CLASSROOM BUILDING
- EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO GO TO THE CLASSROOM BUILDING Note: Game Manager will assign someone to open the classroom

BASEBALL FIELD

DUE TO THREAT OF TORNADOES IN THE AREA, WE ARE ADVISING EVERYONE TO LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY.

- THE CLASSROOM BUILDING WILL BE OPENED
- TFS STUDENTS ARE TO GO TO THE CLASSROOM BUILDING

Note: Game Manager will assign someone to open the classroom

<u>GYM</u>

DUE TO THREAT OF TORNADOES IN THE AREA, WE ARE ADVISING EVERYONE TO GO TO THE THEATER

(To be posted in all baseball, gym, soccer field house, and tennis areas)

ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION WHICH COULD <u>EVENTUALLY</u> THREATEN AN ON CAMPUS EVENT

(To be announced)

AT THIS TIME, THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE THREAT AND THE CONTEST WILL CONTINUE AS NORMAL.

AGAIN, THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE CAMPUS."

ANY THREAT OF HARM INSTRUCTIONS

(To be posted in all baseball, gym, soccer field house, and tennis areas)

BOMB THREAT

(To be announced)

ANY OUTDOOR ATHLETIC VENUE ON CAMPUS

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION FOR A VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. THIS CONTEST IS BEING CANCELED. WE HAVE A BOMB THREAT ON CAMPUS.

- PLEASE REMAIN CALM
- IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THIS SITE IS THE SAFIST PLACE TO BE
- AT THIS TIME ALL TFS STUDENTS REMAIN AT THIS SITE AND WAIT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

OR

- WE WILL BE TRANSPORTING TO _____LOCATION
- ALL GUESTS ARE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CAMPUS IMMEDIATELY
- MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE

<u>GYM</u>

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION FOR A VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. THIS CONTEST IS BEING CANCELED. WE HAVE A BOMB THREAT ON CAMPUS.

- PLEASE REMAIN CALM
- AT THIS TIME, ALL TFS STUDENTS ARE TO GO IMMEDIATELY AND CALMLY TO ______ AND WAIT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS
- ALL FANS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE TFS PLAN OR MAY LEAVE AT THEIR DISCRETION
- MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE

PLEASE REMAIN CALM
WE ARE EVACUATING TO _____

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

(READ ONLY ON CUE FROM GAME MANAGER/ADMINISTRATOR)

Thrown Objects/Interfering Incidents

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE GAME OFFICIALS, COACHES AND PLAYERS OF BOTH TEAMS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY OFFICIALS TO REMAIN OFF THE FIELD UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ORDER HAS BEEN RESTORED. PLEASE DO NOT THROW OBJECTS OR INTERFERE WITH THE GAME IN ANY MANNER

THANK YOU.

Evacuation of Stadium/Gym

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION FOR A VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. AT THIS TIME, THE _______ STADIUM/GYM WILL BE EVACUATED. PLEASE EXIT IN A CALM AND ORDERLY FASHION AND WATCH FOR GAME PERSONNEL FOR ASSISTANCE.

ALL TFS STUDENTS SHOULD GO IMMEDIATELY TO _____

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENT

Light System Fails GYM

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE TEMPORARILY EXPERIENCING A POWER OUTAGE. GAME MANAGEMENT IS WORKING TO RESTORE POWER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE REMAIN CALM AND REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT. PLEASE DO NOT GO ONTO THE COURT.

PLAYERS ON THE COURT, REMAIN WHERE YOU ARE UNLESS YOU CAN EASILY RETURN TO YOUR BENCH AREA SAFELY

YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

SERIOUS ILLNESS and INJURY

In the case of ANY emergency, call 911

Tallulah Falls School has a full time Nurse at the upper school campus (7am-3pm) and a part time Nurse at the middle school campus (8am-noon).

Any illness after school hours is reported to the immediate supervisor of that area (boarding students report to a dorm counselor; athletes report to a coach). Depending upon severity, parents are called, transportation to the hospital is arranged, or 911 is called.

Police and TFS Security are available at all home soccer, high school basketball, and baseball contests.

SPECIFIC SITE EMERGENCY INFORMATION

EMERGENCY INFORMATION GYM

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY: DIAL 911 NAME OF LOCATION: YOUNG MATRON'S CIRCLE BUILDING GYMNASIUM SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO THIS LOCATION:

From the south gate follow the road approximately .6 miles and past the baseball field and the stadium. Pass the first road to the right. Turn right on campus drive (upper road) and continue past school building and chapel. Stay on upper road. Gym is the large stone facia building on the right.

GPS COORDINATES:

HELICOPTER OPERATIONS LANDING ZONE

Location: Tallulah Falls School Soccer Field

GPS Location: North 34 degrees-43 Minutes.656

West 83 degrees, 23 Minutes.901

Surface: Grass 400' FEET

Hazards: Cellular Tower - +/- 250 Yards from Landing Zone.

Flag Poles, Uneven Gound, Trees, Concrete Bleacher, Building and perimeter fencing surrounding soccer field with gated access.

LOCATION OF NEAREST AED: GYM BASKETBALL EQUIPMENT ROOM ON SHELF

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Athletic Director: Scott Neal 706-968-9879 Upper School Dean: Kim Popham 706-499-7399 Middle School Dean: David Chester 706-768-1348 Chief of TFS Security: Michael Palmer 706-499-1716 Director of Plant Services: Wallace Dodd 706-499-1770

EMERGENCY INFORMATION BASEBALL FIELD

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY: DIAL 911 NAME OF LOCATION: BASEBALL FIELD SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO THIS LOCATION: FROM THE SOUTH GATE, GO APX .5 MILES. BASEBALL FIELD WILL BE ON THE LEFT.

HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE:

Location: Tallulah Falls School Baseball Field GPS Location: North 34 degrees-43 Minutes.528 West 83 degrees-23 Minutes.791 Surface: Grass 335' FEET Hazards: Cellular Tower - +/- 500 Yards from Landing Zone. Baseball Backstop and perimeter fencing surrounding Landing Zone with gated access.

LOCATION OF NEAREST AED: BASEBALL DUGOUT DURING ALL PRACTICES AND GAMES

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION SOCCER FIELD/TRACK

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

NAME OF LOCATION: UPPER FIELD/SOCCER FIELD/TRACK/STADIUM

SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO THIS LOCATION: FROM THE SOUTH GATE, GO APX .5 MILES. SOCCER FIELD WILL BE ON THE LEFT.

HELICOPTER OPERATIONS LANDING ZONE

Location: Tallulah Falls School Soccer Field GPS Location: North 34 degrees-43 Minutes.656 West 83 degrees, 23 Minutes.901 Surface: Grass 400' FEET Hazards: Cellular Tower - +/- 250 Yards from Landing Zone.

Flag Poles, Uneven Gound, Trees, Concrete Bleacher, Building and perimeter fencing surrounding soccer field with gated access.

LOCATION OF NEAREST AED: INSIDE FIELDHOUSE ON LEFT/SOCCER SIDE ON WALL

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION TENNIS COURTS

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

NAME OF LOCATION: Tallulah Falls School Tennis Courts

SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO THIS LOCATION: FROM SOUTH GATE, FOLLOW ROAD TO THE T. TURN LEFT AND TENNIS COURTS ARE IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF YOU

HELICOPTER OPERATIONS LANDING ZONE

Location: Tallulah Falls School Soccer Field GPS Location: North 34 degrees-43 Minutes.656 West 83 degrees, 23 Minutes.901 Surface: Grass 400' FEET Hazards: Cellular Tower - +/- 250 Yards from Landing Zone. Flag Poles, Uneven Gound, Trees, Concrete Bleacher, Building and perimeter fencing surrounding soccer field with gated access.

LOCATION OF NEAREST AED: INSIDE FIELDHOUSE ON LEFT/SOCCER SIDE ON WALL

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AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DIFIBRILLATOR (AED) TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL ATHLETICS

AED Locations

1) Gym equipment room on shelf in black case: Basketball, Volleyball, any activities using either gym

2) Soccer Field House: Left side on wall immediately on left Any activity at the upper field or tennis courts

3) Baseball home dugout: during spring baseball season Feb through Aprila. Fall and Winter seasons (Aug-Jan) in Weight Room

4) Student Center: along wall near bathrooms

Used for any activity in the student center or weight room

Away Contests

An AED must stay in the gym equipment room at all times

- Fall
 - Boys Soccer
 - MS Soccer
 - $\circ VVB$
 - XC
- Winter
 - V Basketball
 - MS Basketball
- Spring
 - Baseball
 - Girls Soccer
 - V Tennis

ALL COACHES ARE CERTIFIED IN CPR/FA/AED

SCHOOL SAFETY LAWS

In addition to everyday laws enforced in your community, which include schools, the State of Georgia has specific laws that apply directly to the school safety zone. By enforcing stricter penalties, these laws help schools to enforce rules that contribute to the overall safety of the school.

OCGA 20-2-1180: Loitering in a School Safety Zone. This statute requires visitors of a public or private school to check in at the designated location and give the reason for their visit. Use this law to stop gang members, drug dealers or other dangerous groups from operating near your school.

OCGA 20-2-1181: Disrupting a Public School. Removing disorderly individuals can help control dangerous behavior. This code section provides that any person who disrupts or interferes with the operation of a public school shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. Among other things, this is widely used for bomb threats.

OCGA 20-2-1182: Persons Other Than Students Who Insult or Abuse Teachers in the Presence of Pupils. Use this law to deal with parents, guardians or others who are not students at your school who insult, abuse, or upbraid teachers, administrators or bus drivers after being advised of the presence of minor children. Anyone who fails to leave the premises after being advised to do so is guilty of a misdemeanor.

OCGA 20-2-1184: Failure to Report Criminal Activity. This law requires that any teacher or other employee of a public or private school who has reasonable cause to believe that a student at that school has committed an act on school property or during any school function, which is prohibited by any of the following statutes: 16-5-21, 16-5-24, Chapter 6 of Title 16, 16-11-127, 16-11-127.1, 16-11-132 and 16-13-30, shall report the act to his or her immediate supervisor, who shall then notify the appropriate superintendent, the police authority, and district attorney. Any person who knowingly violates this code section will be guilty of misdemeanor.

OCGA 16-5-61: Hazing. This law prohibits any person to "haze" any student in connection with or as a condition or precondition of gaining acceptance, membership, office, or other status in a school organization. "Haze" means to subject a student to an activity which endangers or is likely to endanger the physical health of a student, regardless of a student's willingness to participate in such activity. Any person who violates this code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

OCGA 16-11-127.1: Possession of a Weapon on or Within 1,000 Feet of a School. This statute provides penalties for possession of a wide range of weapons in the School Safety Zone. This can discourage carrying and using weapons.

OCGA 16-13-32.4: Drug-Free School Zones. This law states it is illegal to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance or marijuana on or within a school safety zone. This law provides an additional charge to any person(s) who is already charged under OCGA 16-13-30.

OCGA 3-3-21.1: Possession of Alcoholic Beverages on Public School Grounds. This law makes it illegal to possess alcoholic beverages on any public school grounds. In addition to the laws described above, some penalties for other crimes committed upon schools grounds against students or school personnel are enforced with stronger penalties, including greater minimum incarceration times. Examples of these crimes include, but not limited to, the various degrees of assault and battery crimes.

Georgia Emergency Management Agency School Safety Unit PO Box 18055, Atlanta, GA 30316 (404) 635-7000 www.gema.ga.gov Revised 03/2009 Immediate Emergency Notification

In a life-threatening emergency dial <u>911</u> from a public or campus telephone.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

Department Phone Number: Tallulah Falls School Office of the Athletic Director Tel.#(706) 839-2004

Emergency Medical Services/Fire /Law Enforcement: 911

TFS Campus Security: Tallulah Falls School Campus Security		Tel.#(706)499 -1716
Closest Medical Facilities:		
1) Stephens County Hospital 163 Hospital Drive Toccoa, Georgia 30577	Tel.# (706)282-4200	Approximately 9.83 Miles
2) Mountain Lakes Medical Center 196 Ridgecrest Drive Clayton, Georgia 30525	Tel.# (706)782-3100	Approximately 10.63 Miles
3) Habersham Medical Center 541 Hwy 441 Demorest, Georgia 30535	Tel.# (706)754-2161	Approximately 13.11 Miles
4) Northeast Georgia Medical Center 743 Spring Street Gainesville, Georgia 30501	Tel.# (770)212-2350	Approximately 38.26 Miles
TFS Plant Services: (706) 839-2003 (OFFICE) Mr. Wallace Dodd (706) 499-1770		
TFS Buildings and Athletic Field Names:		
1) Young Matrons Circle Building - Dorman Gymnasium Tel.#(706)839-2004 (A.D's. Office) Tel.#(706)968-9879 (Mr. Scott Neal, A.D. Cellular) 151 Willet Drive Tallulah Falls, Georgia 30573		
2) TFS Soccer Field and Field House School Nature Drive Tallulah Falls, Georgia 30573		

3) TFS Baseball Field School Road Tallulah Falls, GA 30573