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Buffalo Grove Park District Implements Perry Weather Outdoor Warning System

(Buffalo Grove Park District, Buffalo Grove, IL) - The Buffalo Grove Park District has implemented the Perry Weather platform, a weather safety system that warns when lightning and other potentially dangerous weather conditions are imminent. Unlike other systems that rely on weather predictions, Perry Weather uses technology that collects real-time, site-specific conditions for more accurate monitoring and alerting.

"One of the benefits of the Perry Weather system is that we can tie into other users' hardware, such as Buffalo Grove High School, to expand our range of coverage," said Buffalo Grove Park District executive director, Ryan Risinger. He added, "We partnered with BGRA (Buffalo Grove Recreation Association), who runs the little league baseball program in the community; and, they paid for the outdoor warning system that was installed at Emmerich Park, which is where the majority of baseball games are played."

Similar to a tornado warning siren, people in the area of Emmerich Park will hear audible tones, accompanied by a strobe light, indicating that lightning has been detected within a 10 mile radius. Five short tones will indicate that it is safe to resume activity outdoors.

Buffalo Grove Park District risk manager, Dani Hoefle said, "Keeping the community safe is our number one priority. With so many outdoor programs and events that attract large numbers of people, we felt that this was a great way to help ensure that people are able to avoid dangerous weather conditions that often start suddenly, with no indication that they're about to happen."

The Buffalo Grove Park District staff will also receive text messages and notification alerts through the use of Perry Weather's mobile app, helping to ensure safe programming and facilities at all Park District locations.

For more information on the Perry Weather system, visit their website at perryweather.com.

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