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SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK FEBRUARY 23-27, 2004

Governor Mike Huckabee has joined the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) to urge citizens of Arkansas to prepare for the upcoming severe weather season. The Governor has proclaimed February 23-27, 2004, as "Severe Weather Awareness Week" in Arkansas. UCA President Lu Hardin is encouraging the campus community to use this week to review severe weather safety rules and to understand the hazards associated with severe thunderstorms.

The UCA Police Department makes every effort to closely monitor severe weather and issue warnings to the campus community when possible tornadoes are approaching the area. The UCA Police Communications Center monitors state and local police frequencies, weather warnings issued by the National Weather Service which are transmitted via the Arkansas Crime Information Center, weather radar through a satellite downlink at the Communications Center, weather radio, and other communications when storms are possible in the Conway/Faulkner County area. Warnings will be issued by dispatchers to residence hall managers, building managers, and other key administrators via telephone and e-mail. In addition, an emergency severe weather siren is located on campus as part of the city-wide emergency network. When necessary, warnings will also be issued via public address systems which are installed within all university police vehicles.

Please review the basic severe weather guide attached to this message in preparation for the upcoming severe weather season.

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