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The University of Dayton will install an emergency alert siren to enhance the safety of the University community. The Office of Public Safety will use it for severe weather warnings and other situations requiring the University community to tune in to the campus emergency notification system for more information.

"The siren will be heard all across campus," said Rodney Chatman, University of Dayton executive director of public safety and chief of police. "We especially want the siren to reach anyone not near a computer or cell service to alert them to check our campus emergency notification system in the safest manner possible."

A grant from the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency provided funding for the siren.

Start-up testing will begin in March. The University will provide advance notice within 24 hours of the siren test. Once initial testing is complete, the University's siren will be tested in conjunction with the regular schedule for other county agencies, which is for three minutes at noon the first Monday of each month.

The emergency siren is among several initiatives Chatman has rolled out in his two years in the position. Visit the relates stories for more information.

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