**RAGBRAI SEVERE WEATHER PLAN**

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this severe weather plan is to develop a procedure for warning RAGBRAI guests of approaching severe weather, and to identify locations of safety where RAGBRAI guests may seek shelter.

**II.  Policy**

The Butler County Emergency Management Agency, in cooperation with the Butler County Sheriff's Office and the National Weather Service, will monitor weather conditions during the time RAGBRAI guests will be in town in order to provide early warnings of approaching severe weather.

**III.  Procedure**

1)  The Butler County Emergency Management Agency will be advised of approaching severe weather in a timely manner by the National Weather Service and the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

Upon notification of approaching severe weather, the Butler County Sheriff's Office will broadcast all watches and warnings to local fire departments and law enforcement agencies.  The National Weather Service shall broadcast thunderstorm and tornado warnings over the NOAA Weather Radios.  Weather Radios will be offered to each of the Emergency Coordinators for RAGBRAI in Butler County.  Emergency shelters in each community will be unlocked upon severe weather.

2)  If a severe thunderstorm warning is issued for Butler County, all Law Enforcement Agencies and RAGBRAI officials will be notified by a broadcast from the Butler County Sheriff's Office.  Law Enforcement officers will announce the warning to RAGBRAI participants through their public address systems from their patrol cars.  Riders will be notified to relocate to the emergency shelters.  If the National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning, the outdoor warning sirens shall be activated within each of the communities by the public officials.

Emergency Coordinator: Scott Schrage: (319) 404 – 9941

1)  Parkersburg Public Library

     309 3rd Street

     Parkersburg, Iowa  50665

     Contact:  Deb Decker: (319) 346 – 2442

2)  St. Patrick's Catholic Church

     304 2nd Street

     Parkersburg, Iowa  50665

     Contact: Martin Petersen: (319) 415 – 1160

3)  First Congregational Church

     401 3rd Street

     Parkersburg, Iowa  50665

     Contact: John Luhring: (319) 961 – 2700

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4)  Bethel Lutheran Church

     701 3rd Avenue

     Parkersburg, Iowa  50665

     Contact: Jeff Jacobson: (319) 239 – 2135

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5)  Parkersburg Elementary School

     602 Lincoln Street

     Parkersburg, Iowa 50665

     Contact:  Amy May: (641) 832 – 8399

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