Table 5. Outstanding lessons learned by respondents in Siren, WI.

Need better warning and information

Consider a severe thunderstorm warning as serious indicator of tornado

There is too much "crying-wolf" in weather warnings

Be more aware of the weather

Listen to and watch television warnings

Heed warnings and be more vigilant in taking cover

A tornado disaster can happen to anyone

Always have a basement, because a tornado is the most powerful thing

Tornadoes are a lot more powerful than people think, and create quite a mess

Volunteering and recovery requires a lot of effort; the Red Cross responds quickly

Be careful walking around after tornadoes

Be careful of downed live wires after a tornado

Don't ride a bike through a tornado

Be careful of riding a bike with clean-up machinery in area

Protect kids daily

People are generous and good

I want to see a tornado

Too much working, have more fun, I don't want to die at work

Feeling survivor guilt from the loss of a friend due to a live wire

Always have generator back-ups for home and town