

**Carter Named Fire Chief**

Effective March 1, 2005, Rob Carter is the new fire chief for Warr Acres. He started his firefighting career with Warr Acres 25 years

ago after receiving a degree in municipal fire protection from Oklahoma State University. In 1996, he became assistant fire chief and has served as the acting fire chief since April 2003.

Chief Carter oversees all fire department operations and is responsible for 15 firefighters. His priorities are on fire suppression, maintaining or improving emergency medical response levels and increased public education. He welcomes questions from Warr Acres residents. He can be reached at 789-5912.

Chief Carter reminds us that SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES. The fire department offers smoke detectors free of charge.

**Curb Painting Project Starting Soon**

Firefighters will soon begin painting legible address numbers on street curbs. If you have any questions, call the fire department at 789-5912.

**Upcoming Meetings**

March 22: 7 p.m. Newly Elected Council Sworn In  
April 5: 7 p.m. City Council Meeting

Citizens are encouraged to watch city meetings in person at City Hall or on Cox Channel 20. Minutes of official meetings are available to the public in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Records Act. Direct your request to Pam McDowell-Ramirez, city clerk at 789-2892. Minutes and agendas of official city meetings are also posted online at [www.warracres-ok.gov](http://www.warracres-ok.gov).

**Tornado Shelter Info**

If you have a storm shelter, help the police and fire department locate you in case of a tornado. Simply register your name and location of your shelter with City Hall. Names will not be made public and information will only be accessed in case of an emergency.

**Red Cross Offers Tornado Safety Tips**

Prepare a home tornado plan. Pick a place where family members could gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be your basement or, if there is no basement, a center hallway, bathroom, or closet on the lowest floor. Keep this place uncluttered.

Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing: first aid kit and essential medications; canned food and can opener; at least three gallons of water per person; protective clothing, bedding, or sleeping bags; battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries; special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members and written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water if authorities advise you to do so.

Stay tuned for storm warnings and know what a tornado WATCH and WARNING means: A tornado WATCH means a tornado is possible in your area. A tornado WARNING means a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area. Go to safety immediately.



When a tornado WATCH is issued, listen to local radio and TV stations for further updates and be alert to changing weather conditions. Blowing debris or the sound of an approaching tornado may alert you (many people say it sounds like a freight train).

When a tornado WARNING is issued, if you are inside, go to the safe place you picked to protect yourself from glass and other flying objects. If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area; if you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety (as above).

After the tornado passes, watch out for fallen power lines and stay out of the damaged area; listen to the radio for information and instructions; use a flashlight to inspect your home for damage and do not use candles at any time.

Contact the American Red Cross Central Oklahoma Chapter, (405) 228-9500, to get copies of American Red Cross Community Disaster Education materials (in English and/or Spanish).

**Public Storm Shelters**

NW 67 & Cherokee  
NW 40 between MacArthur & Hammond  
City Hall, 5930 NW 49