

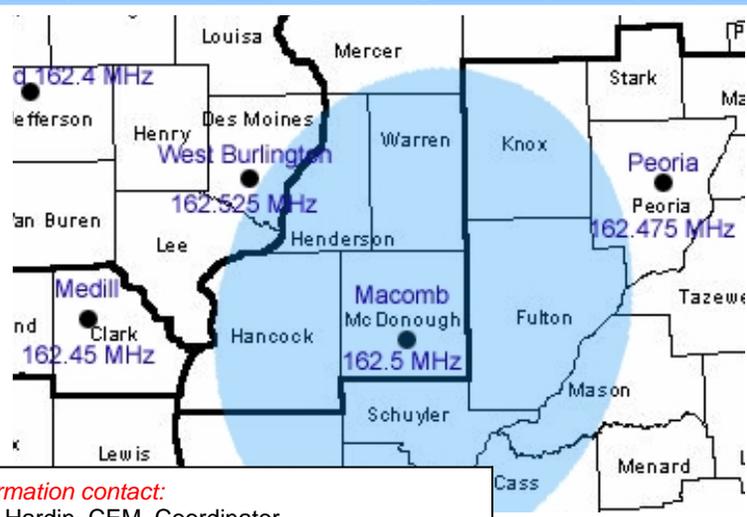
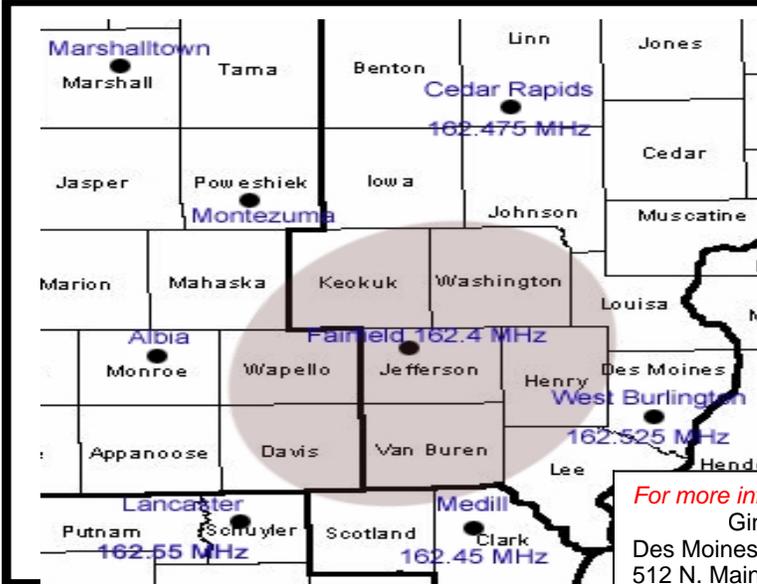
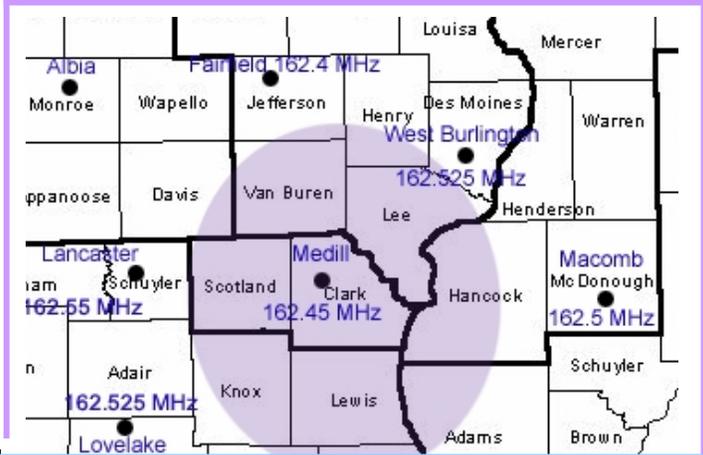
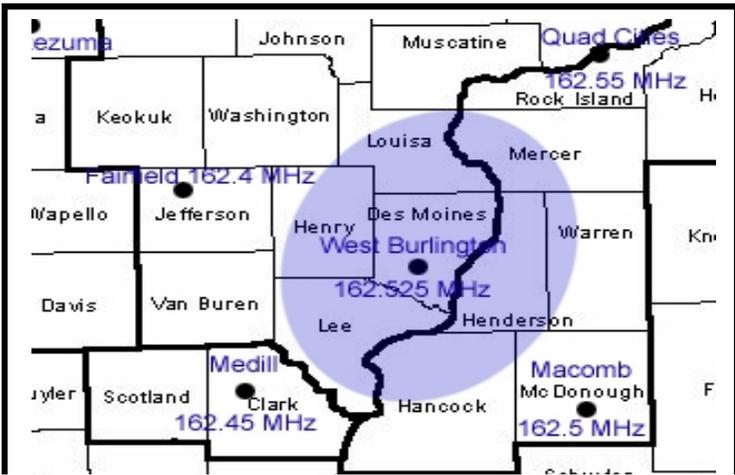
(Also known as NOAA Weather Radio)

Tri-State Area

FIPS Codes: When emergency messages are broadcast on All Hazards Radio, they are accompanied by digital codes for the type of message and counties affected. Some All Hazards Radios are designed to read these codes, and can be programmed to alert only for specific types of messages and/or particular counties within the listening area. The FIPS codes are used to program the desired counties into these Specific Area Messaging Encoding (SAME) All Hazards Radios.

	FIPS Codes
IOWA: Des Moines County	IA-019057
Henry County	IA-019087
Lee County	IA-019111
Louisa County	IA-019115
Jefferson County	IA-019101
Keokuk County	IA-019107
Wapello County	IA-019179
Van Buren County	IA-019177
Washington County	IA-019183

	FIPS Codes
ILLINOIS:	
Hancock County	IL-017067
Henderson County	IL-017071
Mercer County	IL-017131
Warren County	IL-017187
McDonough County	IL-017109
Schuyler County	IL-017171
MISSOURI:	
Clark County	MO-029045
Scotland County	MO-029199
Lewis County	MO-029111
Knox County	MO-029103



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so it will wake you up when a warning solution:

The answer is "Specific Area Message Encoding" (or SAME). This is the latest in All Hazards radio technology; using digital signals to alert radios on a county-specific basis.

The newest warning alarm radios can decode the Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) signal which accompanies each watch or warning message. The digital signal or "burst", repeated three times, contains information about the type of message, the counties affected, the length of time the message is in effect, and the source of the message. SAME radios are programmable, allowing you to specify which counties (and sometimes which types of warnings) you want to be alerted for.

SAME radios cost anywhere from 30 to 100 dollars, depending on the brand, style, and features.

The identifying codes, called FIPS numbers which stands for Federal Information and Processing Standards, should be programmed into a receiver according to the instructions accompanying the radio. While it will depend on a number of factors, it would probably be a good idea to include warnings for an adjacent county especially when located near a county border.

The table on the other side shows the individual FIPS codes for selected counties in eastern Iowa, northwest Illinois, and extreme northeast Missouri. The full identifier for each county is a 6-digit number, the first digit for the county subdivision (this number should be set to 0; numbers 1 through 9 are NOT yet being used); the next two digits are the FIPS identifier for the state (Illinois is 17; Iowa is 19, Missouri is 29; and the last three digits are for individual counties. So the full 6-digit FIPS number for Des Moines County, shown here, is 019057.

Remember that your radio will only alert you for counties within the transmitter's listening area, so check the coverage of your local transmitter(s) before you program your radio. If you take your radio on the road with you and frequently travel between two different transmitters, you can usually program multiple counties. For example: Say you live in Vinton (Benton County) and work in Waterloo. You could program both Black Hawk and Benton Counties into your radio. Then when you are at home in Vinton, you will only get the Benton County warnings from the Cedar Rapids transmitter, and when you are at work in Waterloo, you would only get the Black Hawk County warnings from the Waterloo transmitter (provided you are on the right frequency).

Most SAME radios also have a way to revert to receiving all warnings within the listening area. This is handy when you take your radio on vacation.

FIPS Codes for Other Counties

If you need FIPS codes for other states go to the NOAA Weather Radio site at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/indexnw.htm or call 1-888-NWR-SAME.