

Example #2 – Transition From Defined Area Flash Flood Warning to Flood Warning.

Very heavy rainfall which initially necessitated a flash flood warning for Bradley and McMinn Counties in eastern Tennessee is expected to persist for another 6 hours. Since they are now dealing with a prolonged flood episode, forecasters at the Morristown WFO decide the initial flash flood warning should be replaced by a flood warning.

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Flood Message
National Weather Service Morristown, TN
8:23 pm EDT Sun Jun 10 2012

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FLOOD WARNING

The National Weather Service in Morristown has replaced the flash flood warning with a flood warning for

- * Bradley and McMinn Counties in eastern Tennessee
- * Until 8 am EDT Monday
- * At 8:23 pm National Weather Service doppler radar continued to show thunderstorms training over the central and eastern portions of Bradley and McMinn Counties, with the same general area repeatedly receiving bursts of heavy rainfall. Rains in excess of 3 1/2 inches have already occurred with at least another 2 inches expected.
- * Areas already reporting flooding include the towns of Cleveland, Fairview, Tasso, Charleston, Good Springs, and Athens. The Hiwassee River near Charleston was reported as already being at bankfull and still rising.

A flood warning means that flooding is imminent or has been reported. If flooding is observed, act quickly. Do not stay in areas subject to flooding when water begins rising. Never drive cars, trucks or sport utility vehicles through flooded areas. The water may be too deep to allow for safe passage.

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Notes and Explanations:

(1) Notice the two paired lines of VTEC. The first P-VTEC/H-VTEC pair announces the transition of the flash flood warning that was already in effect. Since a flash flood warning was already in effect, the event beginning date/time in the first P-VTEC was zeroed out. The second P-VTEC/H-VTEC announces the new flood warning.