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Transcript

December 6th Segment on NOAA

Grant to Improve Tornado Warnings for Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Blind.

The University of Alabama announced that two of their faculty has won a \$251,850 grant to study how Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Blind people can better understand and be prepared with tornado warnings.

This grant is from the NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The goal is for the university to build and test a system where Deaf people can view a local weather report in split screen, with one side a meteorologist and another an ASL interpreter.

They will do research

on how Deaf-Blind and Blind people can be alerted of tornadoes – they plan to interact with Blind and Deaf-Blind communities in the area to learn more.

This project collaborates the university's geography and communication studies departments, the geoscience department at Mississippi State University, and the National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision.

One of the professors, Dr. Darrin J. Griffin, has been actively involved with the Deaf community and lists

“Deaf Advocacy” on his biography.

The team's goal is to build a model, then get more funding to improve the model, and for it to be used to apply to other areas, such as breaking news or entertainment, and to serve larger populations.

Check out the [link](#) to the press release for more information.

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