

TORNADO STRIKES NEAR ST-PIERRE-JOLYS

A tornado touched down south of Niverville near the towns of Otterburne and St-Pierre-Jolys on Saturday, May 31 at around 5:00 pm. The tornado stayed on the ground approximately eight minutes. It swirled through a farmers' field close to Hwy 59 and Hwy 311. There is no report of any property damage.

The tornado formed out of a weak thunderstorm, so officials say it is not surprising that it appeared without warning. They say this type of tornado is slow moving and difficult to track with radar. Officials also say the destructive power associated with this type of tornado is usually felt over a very small area.

We are relieved that the tornado was not severe but it is amazing how it shook up our village. People were on the phone locating their loved ones to be sure they were ok. Many of us have not witnessed a tornado this close to home and those that have know its destructive danger.

Photos taken 3 miles north of St-Pierre-Jolys on the Hwy. 59 on May 31 at approximately 5:00pm

