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**When a vicious storm containing microbursts and tornadoes moved across Queens and Brooklyn September 16, 2010, Mets fans at CitiField were in the path. There were no injuries at CitiField. That is not a matter of luck but of good planning.**

SkyGuard issued its first warning for CitiField for cloud-to-ground lightning at 4:51pm, valid from 5:15 until 6:30pm. The 24 minutes from the time the warning was issued (4:51) to the time of arrival of the storm (5:15pm) is designed to give officials time to take the measures needed to protect the lives of players and fans. In this case, announcements were made over the stadium public address system and posted on the scoreboard.

The second warning, for 60 mph winds, was issued at 5:25pm.

The National Weather Service did not issue a warning – of any kind – until 5:32pm. The storm struck CitiField at 5:42, by which time the fans were in the concourses and the players in the clubhouse. The National Lightning Detection Network™ detected a dangerous cloud-to-ground lightning strike within 600 yards of the pitchers mound! High winds blew debris across the area. A tornado touched down 4 miles southeast of the stadium and moved east away from the field.

But, because the fans were sheltered, no injuries occurred in the stadium.

The 42 minutes of advance warning provided to the Mets was vital in assuring the safety of the fans and players through the orderly movement of fans from the seats in the open seating area to the concourse.

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