



WHAT IS STORMREADY

And How Does It Help Our Community?

Many laws and regulations help local emergency managers deal with hazardous material spills, search and rescue operations, and medical crises but there are few guidelines dealing with hazardous weather operations.

Recognizing this need, the National Weather Service designed StormReady to help cities, counties, and towns implement procedures to reduce the potential for disastrous, weather-related, consequences.

Ninety percent of all presidentially declared disasters are weather related, and lead to around 500 deaths and over \$23 billion in damage every year. Through the StormReady program, NOAA's National Weather Service gives communities the skills and education needed to survive severe weather - before and during the event. StormReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen their local hazardous weather operations.

StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through better planning, education and awareness. Communities have fewer fatalities and property damage if they plan before dangerous weather arrives. No commu-



nity is storm proof, but StormReady certification can help communities save lives.

The benefits for a community to have a StormReady facility:

- Helps save lives during severe weather events.
- May make eligible for up to 25 ISO/Community Rating System points to possibly lower National Flood Insurance Plan premiums.
- Improves coordination and timeliness of hazardous weather warning reception and dissemination.
- Provides an image incentive to your community.

*For more information about StormReady visit:
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