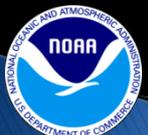


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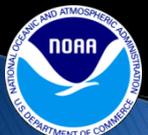


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America's Weather

- ▶ Each year Americans cope with an average of:
 - 100,000 thunderstorms
 - 10,000 severe thunderstorms
 - 5,000 floods
 - 1,000 tornadoes
 - 2 landfalling deadly hurricanes
 - Plus numerous winter storms, heat waves, wildfires



America's Weather

- ▶ 98% of all presidentially-declared disasters are weather related.
- ▶ 500 deaths per year
- ▶ \$14 billion damage

Source:
National Weather Service



What is Storm Ready?

- A national program sponsored by NWS
- Helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property
- Before and during the event



Storm Ready Benefits

- Communities are better prepared to save lives during severe weather through:
 - Advanced Planning
 - Education
 - Awareness



Storm Ready Guidelines

- ▶ Specific guidelines depend on population.
- ▶ Here are the common items you would need....



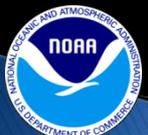
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- ▶ 24-hour warning point (WP)
- ▶ Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
(population +2500)
- ▶ Multiple ways to receive NWS Warnings
- ▶ Hydrometeorological Data Monitoring
- ▶ Ways for EOC/WP to disseminate warnings



Storm Ready Guidelines

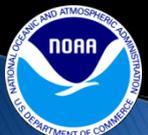
- ▶ Local Annual Weather Safety Talks
- ▶ Formal Hazardous Weather Operations Plan
- ▶ Emergency Manager Visits to NWS
- ▶ NWS Visits to Community



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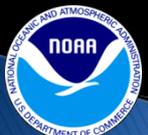
[Chart of Complete Guidelines:](#)

http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/guideline_chart.htm



Application Process

- ▶ Contact Warning Coordination Meteorologist
 - (Chris Strong: Christopher.strong@noaa.gov)
- ▶ WCM and Storm Ready coordinator will consult with you as you complete requirements.
- ▶ Complete formal application.
- ▶ Verification Visit
- ▶ Local Advisory Board approval



Recognition Ceremony

- ▶ Once approved, a recognition ceremony may be planned.
- ▶ WCM and/or Storm Ready coordinator will present you with your recognition.
- ▶ May be at a public ceremony, such as during a County Council meeting.



More Information

- ▶ **Chris Strong**
- ▶ **Warning Coordination Meteorologist**
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Or

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