



StormReady is a nationwide community preparedness program that uses a grassroots approach to help communities develop plans to handle all types of severe weather...from tornadoes to tsunamis. The program encourages communities to take a new, proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations by providing emergency managers with clear cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations.

Two counties in East Tennessee, Bradley and Jefferson, have already been designated "StormReady". Hamilton County has completed the application process and will soon be designated "StormReady".

To be officially StormReady, a community must:

- \*Establish a 24 hour warning point and emergency operations center.
- \*Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts to alert the public.
- \*Create a system that monitors weather locally.
- \*Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars.
- \*Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters, and holding emergency exercises.

For more information on what is required for your community contact Howard Waldron at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Morristown at (423)-586-8706 or Jerry McDuffie at (423)-586-6429.

StormReady information is available on the Internet website:  
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/stormready/>