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CITY OF MAGEE TO BE HONORED AS STORMREADY

PEARL – The city of Magee is the latest community to receive the StormReady designation from the National Weather Service.

A ceremony honoring the city for achieving StormReady status will be held at 10 a.m., Nov. 29 at Magee City Hall. Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Womack, along with members of the National Weather Service in Jackson, will be on hand to recognize this achievement.

Mississippi now has 29 StormReady designations including 14 communities, 11 counties and the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Mississippi.

StormReady is a nationwide program of the weather service that helps communities protect their citizens during severe weather and encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations.

To be recognized as StormReady, a community must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center.
- Have multiple ways to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public.
- Create a system that monitors weather conditions 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.

To learn more about the StormReady program visit www.stormready.noaa.gov.
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