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Mendenhall to receive StormReady designation

Pearl – The city of Mendenhall has earned the latest StormReady designation by the National Weather Service. A ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Mendenhall City Hall located at 172 West Maud Ave.

Mississippi will now have 40 StormReady designations that cover 16 cities or towns, 20 counties, three state universities and one government site.

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.

“We are extremely proud that Mendenhall is joining the growing list of StormReady areas of our state,” said Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Womack. “The steps this city has taken will certainly help save lives when severe weather threatens.”

Alan Gerard, Meteorologist in Charge of the NWS Jackson said, "Mendenhall is in a part of the state that is a historically very active tornado area and the StormReady process has helped prepare the citizens for any future events."

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

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