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## Onondaga County Recertified As National Weather Service StormReady Community

*StormReady communities are proactive in their approach to severe weather.*

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – Onondaga County Executive J. Ryan McMahon, II announced that Onondaga County has been recertified as a National Weather Service StormReady Community.

National Weather Service certification as StormReady means that a community has taken proactive steps to help prepare for severe weather.

County Executive McMahon said, “Onondaga County excels at handling all types of severe weather. We are very proud to continue to be certified as a StormReady community by the National Weather Service.” McMahon continued, “Thank you to our team at the Department of Emergency Management for their hard work in achieving this recertification.”

Commissioner of Emergency Management, Dan Wears said, “We are delighted to again be recognized by the National Weather Service as a StormReady community. It demonstrates our continued commitment to preparing for and responding to significant weather incidents impacting our community.”

There are almost 1500 StormReady counties across the US including 34 in New York State.

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 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.

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