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Frederick County Receives StormReady® Certification

FREDERICK, MD –Frederick County has earned its StormReady® certification from the National Weather Service. NWS Meteorologist Chris Strong presented County Executive Jan Gardner with the certificate during today’s public information briefing.

“We are proud to be named a StormReady® county by the National Weather Service,” said Executive Gardner. “The designation recognizes our commitment to our citizens’ safety. While no area is stormproof, Frederick County is proactive in dealing with severe weather that can affect our county.”

In general, a community must possess a solid communication network and have a comprehensive multi-hazard emergency operations plan to receive the StormReady® status. Frederick County Government’s efforts include monitoring weather and water conditions, keeping the public in informed through multiple channels, working with the community so that people who live and work here are prepared, and training for citizens such as the Storm Spotter training coordinated by the Division of Emergency Management.

StormReady® is a partnership between the county and the NWS to ensure weather warnings and information flow freely. Counties must be able to receive and disseminate weather warnings, observe weather and river levels in the county, and conduct weather safety training.

“This partnership is vital to public safety in the county and I commend our Division of Emergency Management staff, our county employees and the volunteers who prepare and protect our citizens,” added Executive Gardner.

More information on preparedness may be found at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/READY or by contacting the Emergency Preparedness Department at 301-600-1746 or via e-mail at EM@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Citizens are also encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ALERT.

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