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### ADAMS COUNTY RECEIVES STORMREADY DESIGNATION

**Pearl** – Adams County is the latest community to receive the StormReady designation from the National Weather Service.

A ceremony honoring the community for achieving StormReady status will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at the Adams County Board of Supervisors Board Room in Natchez. Mississippi now has 28 StormReady designations including 14 communities, 11 counties and the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Mississippi.

“We are pleased that Adams County has taken the time and effort to achieve this designation,” said MEMA Director Mike Womack. “It is our hope is that every Mississippi community work as hard as Adams County has to become StormReady.”

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.

“Being recognized as a StormReady community shows the great progress we have made to better protect and inform our citizens of weather risks,” said Adams County Emergency Management Director Stan Owens. “The entire community should be proud of this achievement.”

To learn more about the StormReady program visit [www.stormready.noaa.gov](http://www.stormready.noaa.gov).

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