

Date June 24, 2013

APPROVING CITY OF DES MOINES SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
STORMREADY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, since 2001 Polk County has been designated as a StormReady community by the National Weather Service and the Central Iowa StormReady Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service (NWS) has asked all the communities in Polk County to reaffirm their support of the six (6) guidelines necessary to be considered a StormReady Community which include the following:

1. Maintain a 24-hour Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to receive NWS information.
2. Maintain a 24-hour EOC capable of receiving multiple communication methods of NWS warnings.
3. Maintain a 24-hour EOC capable of gathering ancillary weather information, such as internet, river gauging stations, etc.
4. Maintain several means of ensuring timely warning dissemination to citizens, which includes weather radios at County, City, and School facilities, outdoor warning sirens, etc.
5. Through the Emergency Management Commission, conduct or facilitate safety talks for schools, hospitals, nursing homes and industries; publicize use of NOAA Weather Radios; send EOC staff to free NWS storm spotter training at least every other year; host a spotter training session every year.
6. Maintain a formal hazardous weather operations plan, assure biennial visits by the Emergency Coordinator to NWS, and assure annual visits by NWS official to the community; and

WHEREAS, Polk County is currently in compliance with the six guidelines and certifies that all City Halls and School Superintendent Offices within the county are equipped with an operational NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio; and

WHEREAS, Polk County, through Polk County Emergency Management, supports and will publicize any local community preparedness presentations such as weather safety talks and spotter training sessions.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City of Des Moines hereby pledges to support the StormReady Program's six guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Pledge of Support letter to the National Weather Service on behalf of the City.

(Council Communication No. 13-337)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Approved As To Form:

Ann DiDonato
Ann DiDonato
Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk




June 24, 2013

To: Central Iowa StormReady Advisory Board
From: T.M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor of the City of Des Moines
Subject: Pledge of Support for StormReady Guidelines

Polk County has applied for StormReady certification and the City of Des Moines pledges to support the six guidelines needed for recognition. This includes city agencies, when operational, forwarding reports of severe weather to the county's 24-hour warning point (WP) and/or Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for relay to the National Weather Service. Severe weather is defined as hail greater than 1 inch diameter or greater (penny or larger), winds that produce damage or are 58 mph or greater, flash flooding and tornadoes.

The City certifies that, at a minimum, any City Hall or school superintendent office within the city limits is equipped with an operational NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio and pledges to support and publicize any local community preparedness presentations such as weather safety talks and spotter training sessions.

The essence of the StormReady program is to promote the reception and dissemination of severe weather information and mitigate the effects of severe weather through preparedness. The City of Des Moines supports these initiatives and Polk County becoming StormReady.


T.M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor of the City of Des Moines