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## **Altus continues recognition as a “StormReady” Community**

(ALTUS, OKLAHOMA): The City of Altus was recently re-recognized as a “StormReady” Community. Originally recognized as StormReady on October 1, 2004, Altus has maintained the designation for over twelve (12) years now. The StormReady program supports communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property--before, during, and after the storm.

StormReady uses a grassroots approach to help communities respond to extreme weather—from tornadoes to hurricanes. StormReady helps communities respond to hazardous weather by providing emergency managers with easy guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations. "It takes a whole community to face any disaster," said Lloyd Colston, City of Altus Emergency Management director. "StormReady is one way the City is able to demonstrate how the whole community is engaged."

To be officially StormReady, a community must:

1. Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
2. Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public
3. Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally
4. Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars
5. Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

To learn about the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) StormReady program visit [www.stormready.noaa.gov](http://www.stormready.noaa.gov)

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