Department of Commerce
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin.
National Weather Service

Application Form
OMB Control # 0648-0419
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StormReady
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ®

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Section 1) General Information

Enter the Name of Your Organization*		Enter name	
Primary Contact:	Enter name	Secondary Contact:	Enter name
Primary Contact Title:	Enter title	Secondary Contact Title:	Enter title
Primary Contact Email:	Enter email	Secondary Contact Email:	Enter email
Office Phone:	Enter work phone #	Office Phone:	Enter work phone #
Cell Phone:	Enter cell phone #	Cell Phone:	Enter cell phone #

*Organization type: County, Parish, Tribe, Village, City, University, etc.

EOC** (or similar facility) Phone:	Enter phone #	911 Center/24 Hour Warning Point Phone:	Enter phone #
EOC (or similar facility) Address:	Street/PO Box/Suite, City, State, Zip	911 Center/24 Hour Warning Point Address:	Street/PO Box/Suite, City, State, Zip

**EOC – Emergency Operations Center

Section 2) Emergency Operations Planning

2.1 – List the sources of hazardous weather information the EOC, and/or other facility (such as dispatch center, warning point, security center, etc.), are able to receive.

Your answer, or N/A

Requirement – At least two ways (recommended three or more ways for populations >15,000) to receive official hazardous weather information. Possible sources include: iNWS, NOAA Weather Radio, text alerts, mobile apps, email alerts, etc. Note: not all communities have a dispatch center or warning point since they share services or do not have 24 hour operations.

2.2 – List the ways the EOC, and/or other facility (such as a dispatch center, warning point, security center, etc.), is able to relay official watch/warning information to the public, and/or the organization's staff?

Your answer, or N/A

Requirement – At least two ways (recommended three or more ways for populations >15,000) to relay official watch/warning information (possible sources include: reverse 911, social media, website, email distribution list, mass notification systems, local cable TV override, etc.). Note: not all communities have a dispatch center or warning point since they share services, or do not have 24 hour operations.

2.3 – Do you have an updated Emergency Operations Plan (or similar plan or weather annex) in accordance with state/FEMA or your organization's time requirements?	☐ Yes	☐ No
What was the date the plans were last updated?	Enter the date the EOP was last updated	
What are the main hazards covered in your plan?	Your answer, or N/A	

Requirement – A complete review is conducted in accordance with state and/or FEMA requirements. If there are no formal requirements then updates are recommended every two years. Additionally, the most impactful and most common weather-related hazards should be addressed in the plan.

2.4 – Does your plan have instructions for EOC, or similar facility, to activate and request weather support for events such as HAZMATs, SARs, large public venues, etc.)?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Additionally, do these plans include guidance for the receipt & redistribution of critical weather information, as well as reporting observed weather conditions back to the NWS, or non-NWS meteorological service?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Requirement – Plan must include instructions for activating your EOC (or similar facility) and local warning relays, and contain procedures for reporting severe weather or other emergencies which require weather support.

2.5 – Do you have plans which account for hazardous weather (e.g. Lightning Safety Toolkits) and have a reliable source of weather information for any large public events by using weather support services?	☐ Yes, with NWS office	☐ Yes, with a non-NWS service	☐ No

Requirement – Planning and establishing a reliable source of weather information is needed for large public events.

NOTE: StormReady Community guidelines may be satisfied by incorporating products, data, and services from non-NWS providers (e.g., other government entity, media, academia, and/or our partners in America's Weather/Water/Climate Industry (all elements of the private sector (including media, consultants, equipment providers, etc.)).

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Section 3 – Coordination and Partnership Development

3.1 – List any NWS partner meetings or workshops, or similar collaborative events with non-NWS service providers, your organization has attended over the last two years.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Your answer, or N/A	

Requirement – Government EM or Public Safety Official participation in at least one partner meeting or workshop every two years after recognition. This is not a requirement for non-government EM or non-government Safety Official applicants.

3.2 – List at least one actual event, or participation in a drill or exercise, that included a weather emphasis or component with your operations.	Your answer, or N/A

Requirement – One event, or drill/exercise, involving your operations every two years.

3.3 – Is your team registered for, and familiar with, NWSChat 2.0, or similar weather coordination application or program from a non-NWS service?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, then list the weather coordination application(s) used.	Your answer, or N/A

Requirement – Your team is signed up and familiar with NWSChat 2.0, or at least one other non-NWS service weather coordination application. This is not a requirement for non-government organizations.

3.4 – Do you receive weather information from your local NWS office or non-NWS service through blast/notification email distribution lists?	☐ Yes, from a NWS office	☐ Yes, from a non-NWS service	☐ No

Requirement – At least two representatives from the organization are included on a blast or distribution email list.

3.5 – Do you utilize a distribution list consisting of community or organizational staff, leadership, & partners (i.e. school admin., law enforcement, fire depts., critical facilities, etc.) to forward NWS or non-NWS services briefings for hazardous weather events?	☐ Yes ☐ No

Requirement – Utilization of a distribution list to share NWS or non-NWS services briefings for hazardous weather events.

3.6 – Have you participated in an office visit or familiarization meeting with your local NWS staff to learn more about products/services available from the NWS & what may be available from non-NWS service providers?	☐ Yes, with NWS office	☐ Yes, with a non-NWS service	☐ No

Requirement – A familiarization meeting with the local NWS (could be virtual) is conducted with to learn about services & support capabilities. Organizations may alternatively use similar services from non-NWS meteorological providers. After the initial recognition this guideline is only required when there is a new EM, Public Safety Official, or Safety Coordinator. This is not required for non-government organizations but is recommended.

Section 4 – Community Preparedness

4.1 List your organization's Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador internal point(s) of contact.	Your answer, or N/A
List any similar non-NWS preparedness/outreach program(s) you are involved with?	Your answer, or N/A

Requirement – Participation in the Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador Program is required. Participation in at least one similar non-NWS preparedness/outreach program is optional.

4.2 – List any community events or other outreach efforts used to distribute and promote weather safety information through your organization.
Your answer, or N/A

Requirement – At least two community and/or outreach efforts every two years (recommended three or more community events for populations >15,000 every two years). Community events may include public presentations, educational activities with schools, participation in safety fairs or booths, virtual engagements, etc. Other outreach efforts may include relevant social media posts, organizational websites, brochure distribution, etc.

4.3 – List the dates of any storm spotter or weather safety training your organization helped to share information about, and/or helped to facilitate/organize an event in your community.	Your answer, or N/A

Requirement – Help share information about a virtual storm spotter or weather safety training event, and/or help to facilitate/organize at least one storm spotter or weather safety training event every 2 years.

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NWS Reviewing Official Notes

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Application Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

NWS Reviewing Official Name	Enter name	Date of Final NWS Review	Enter date	Date of Recognition	Enter date

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StormReady Applicant Signature

1. StormReady Applicant – Please print and sign the document, or click on the signature section and insert your digital signature, or upload an image of your signature.

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