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Sunrise Named StormReady by National Weather Service

The City of Sunrise has been named **StormReady** by the National Weather Service (NWS) - becoming the first municipality in Broward County to earn this designation.

As a StormReady community, the City of Sunrise was certified by the NWS as meeting a range of preparedness criteria – including having a formal hazardous weather plan in place. This plan was developed by the Sunrise Fire-Rescue Department's dedicated Emergency Management Division.

"As the public becomes more acquainted with severe storms and the often-deadly impacts they bring, the only way to save lives is through preparedness and communication," said John Ogren, the manager for StormReady at the NWS.

The StormReady program provides communities with a preparedness action plan that can facilitate their response to all types of severe weather. "Although we haven't had a major hurricane in several years, it is always better to be prepared," said **Sunrise Fire Chief Thomas DiBernardo**. "Being StormReady means we have taken the necessary steps to enhance our local hazardous weather operations."

As storm season approaches, Sunrise Fire-Rescue encourages all residents and business owners to step up their preparedness efforts. Visit www.sunrisefl.gov for tips and resources.

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