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ALLEN COUNTY RE-CERTIFIED AS "STORM READY"

(LIMA, OH) – The National Weather Service has re-certified Allen County, Ohio as "Storm Ready". The announcement came in a letter from Steven Eddy, Warning Meteorologist from the Northern Indiana office of the National Weather Service to the Allen County Emergency Management Agency.

Allen County originally became certified in 2002, and jurisdictions awarded this distinction are required to submit for recertification every three years. The latest certification is valid through the end of 2008.

"Storm Ready" is a national program encouraging local communities to take a proactive approach to improving hazardous weather operations. "You (Allen County) should be very proud that you have made the efforts to be as prepared as possible should a natural hazard strike." Stated Eddy in his letter.

Allen County is one of only eight counties in Ohio to receive the "Storm Ready" designation. Other counties in northwest Ohio include Auglaize and Van Wert.

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