

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: StormReady Community Recognition Award
DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Police – Emergency Management
PRESENTED BY: Gail Marsh, Emergency Management Coordinator

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The City of Shoreline has met all of the performance criteria set by the National Weather Service to be recognized as a StormReady Community. As stated on the National Weather Service’s StormReady website:

Some 90% of all presidentially declared disasters are weather related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$14 billion in damage. StormReady, a program started in 1999 in Tulsa, OK, helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property – before and during the event. StormReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen local safety programs.

StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through better planning, education, and awareness. No community is storm proof, but StormReady can help communities save lives. To see all of the StormReady communities in the United States, including Shoreline, go to <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/com-maps/wa-com.htm>.

This designation means that Shoreline has taken measures to have sound procedures in place to respond to a variety of weather related events. To that end we have:

- Installed NOAA Weather radios in all of our public facilities,
- Ensured our Emergency Operations Center is operational ready,
- Conducted annual drills to work with our responding agency partners,
- Developed a variety of ways to receive and transmit emergency information to our first responders, city leadership, and to our community, and
- Committed to educating our community so that they can prepare and care for themselves and their families during an emergency.

Representatives of the Seattle office of the National Weather service will be in attendance to present the award.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____

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