

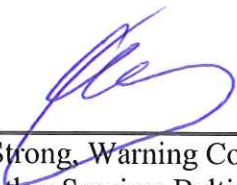


Jefferson County West Virginia

Jefferson County has met all of the StormReady communications, safety and preparedness requirements necessary to help people within the community to receive weather warnings and to respond to future weather events.

Recognized 2016-2019




Christopher Strong, Warning Coordination Meteorologist
National Weather Service; Baltimore/Washington
17 February 2016





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The Honorable Patsy Noland
President, Jefferson County Commission
P.O. Box 250
Charles Town, West Virginia 25414

Dear Ms. Noland:

It is with great pleasure that NOAA's National Weather Service recognizes the Jefferson County as StormReady. This recognition clearly shows your dedication to providing the residents of the Jefferson County exceptional preparedness for weather events. Your ability to monitor weather conditions, receive National Weather Service watches and warnings, and disseminate life-saving information to the public is exceptional.

I would also like to specifically commend your Director of Emergency Management, Barbara Miller, who has been a driving force in maintaining the level of excellence needed for StormReady recognition. Together with the Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff, their initiative and hard work in training citizens and government agency workers, as well as maintaining strong ties with the National Weather Service, have been instrumental maintaining Jefferson County's StormReady status.

As a StormReady community, the Jefferson County is authorized to use the StormReady logo in brochures or other county documents. You are also authorized to order additional StormReady signs, like those already provided by the National Weather Service to Ms. Miller. Your current StormReady recognition will be valid for three years, expiring in March 2019. We recommend the county apply for renewed recognition three months prior.

Finally, if the Jefferson County is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, the county continues to be eligible for additional ISO community rating system points. It is recommended that StormReady recognition be applied during the next ISO rating, if appropriate.

Again, congratulations, on this notable achievement. The National Weather Service is proud to have you as a part of the growing StormReady family. Our office looks forward to continue to work closely with the Jefferson County to safeguard its people from weather events.

Sincerely,

James E. Lee
Meteorologist-In-Charge

