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Hanover Township receives StormReady recertification

Hanover Township was recently presented with re-certification as a StormReady Community by the National Weather Service (NWS).

Per the agency's standards, the Township's Department of Emergency Services has continued to demonstrate various methods of monitoring weather, receiving watches and warnings from the NWS, and for disseminating severe weather warnings throughout the community.

Township Emergency Services officers also deploy to several locations in the community to serve as storm spotters in advance of severe weather and report information to the NWS.

The Township was first certified in 2016.

"Our Emergency Services volunteers put in many hours of training for severe weather notification and response," said Brian P. McGuire, Hanover Township Supervisor. "This recertification further validates the hard work and dedication of the volunteers in service to the community."

Hanover Township is one of 96 StormReady communities in Illinois and is the only Township in the state to be certified.

"StormReady recognizes the advanced planning, education, and awareness efforts taken by communities", says NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist Mike Bardou. "No community is storm proof, but these preparedness efforts can help communities save lives."

The department is trained to respond to a wide range of emergency and non-emergency events to assist primary emergency responders or operate independently in times of natural or man-made disasters. This dedicated group of professional volunteers exists to provide a properly equipped, trained, and ready unit to assist Hanover Township residents and the public safety agencies that serve them.



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