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## **City of Wylie Recognized as StormReady**

**Wylie, TX, January 28, 2008** – The National Weather Service (NWS) officially recognized the City of Wylie as a StormReady Community on January 26, 2008. City officials accepted the designation during a presentation at The Collin County Skywarn and Hazardous Weather Conference.

“The National Weather Service motto ‘When Seconds Count, StormReady Cities are Prepared’ is something we take very seriously,” says City of Wylie Mayor John Mondy. “This is not an easy designation to obtain...it’s a testament to the hard work and preparation of our public safety officials and the citizens of Wylie as we strive to ensure a safer community.”

StormReady encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations and public awareness. A StormReady designation does not mean that a community is storm proof, but better prepared to save lives affected by severe weather through better planning, education and awareness. The nationwide community preparedness program uses a grassroots approach to help communities develop plans to handle local severe weather threats. The City of Wylie accomplished the following in order to be recognized as StormReady:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and an Emergency Operations Center.
- Have multiple methods to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings and multiple methods to alert the public.
- Create a system that monitors local weather conditions.

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- Promote the importance of readiness through public education.
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan that includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

“A key element to preparedness is citizen’s involvement,” says Fire Chief Randy Corbin. “We have more than eight trained SkyWarn Weather Spotters in Wylie and are in the process of developing Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) to work with fire and police personnel in the event of an emergency. We welcome and encourage every citizen to get involved and partner with local public safety officials.”

According to the NWS, Americans live in the most severe weather prone country on earth. Each year more than 500 Americans lose their lives to severe weather events including an average of 10,000 thunderstorms, 2,500 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, and 10 hurricanes. Ninety percent of all federally declared disasters are weather related.

For more information on StormReady, SkyWarn or CERT, please contact Wylie Fire Rescue Chief Randy Corbin, 972-442-8110 or email [randy.corbin@wylietexas.gov](mailto:randy.corbin@wylietexas.gov). Additional StormReady information is available at <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov>.

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