



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Emergency Management Media Release

**From:** Sergeant Donna Black  
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**Re:** Hernando County is *StormReady*

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Each year a startling 10,000 thunderstorms, 2,500 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, and several hurricanes may impact the United States. *StormReady* communities are better prepared for and able to respond to severe weather through better planning, education and awareness.

Hernando County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management is pleased to announce that Hernando County has been recognized as a *StormReady* community by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Through the efforts of Emergency Management, Hernando County is one of only 808 *StormReady* counties across the entire country!

Becoming *StormReady* involves an application and review process required by NOAA which includes training and monitoring of the 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center staff. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and warning point has a system that monitors local weather conditions, and continuously promotes the importance of public readiness through community seminars and training.

*StormReady* does not mean *storm proof* but communities have fewer fatalities and property damage if they plan before dangerous weather arrives.

For more information on how you can be better prepared for your family or business please visit our website at:  
[www.hernandosheriff.org/em](http://www.hernandosheriff.org/em)

