COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Public Safety & EMA	Presenter(s):	Interim Fire Chief David Scarborough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, March 28, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation of the National Weather Service "Storm Ready" Community designation for 2013-2015.

Background/History/Details:

StormReady is a nationwide program that helps communities better protect their citizens during severe weather from tornadoes to tsunamis. The program encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations. StormReady provides emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations.

To be certified as StormReady, communities must meet guidelines established by the NWS in partnership with federal, state, and local emergency management professionals. The StormReady program is intended to:

- Improve the timeliness and effectiveness of hazardous weather warnings for the public.
- Provide detailed and clear recommendations which will help local emergency managers establish and improve effective hazardous weather operations.
- Reward local hazardous-weather mitigation programs that have achieved a desired performance level.

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 advanced planning, education and awareness.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Acknowledgement of Fayette County's StormReady designation for a period of three years.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	No

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Fayette County, including all municipalities, was originally designated in 2001.