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COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department/Division: Fire & Emergency Services

Department Head: M. Allen McCullough

Presenter, if needed: Same

Preferred Meeting Date: Thursday, February 14, 2008

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition by the National Weather Service for recertification as an approved StormReady Community.

A representative from the National Weather Service forecast office in Peachtree City will attend this meeting.

Background/History/Details:

StormReady is a nationwide community preparedness program that uses a grassroots approach to help communities develop plans to handle all types of severe weather - from tornadoes to tsunamis. The program encourages communities to take a new, proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations by providing emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations. To be officially StormReady, a community must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
- Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public
- Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of the department for recertifying and meeting additional preparedness requirements set forth by the National Weather Service. The county is a valid StormReady Community for a period of three years.

The Board of Commissioners does not need to take any action.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past? Yes

If so, when? 2001 Original Certification

Do you need audio-visual for the presentation? No

Back-up Material Submitted? Yes

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- (●) Finance Review Complete
- (●) Purchasing Review Complete
- (●) Legal Review Complete
- (●) Administrative Staff Review Complete

Administrator's Approval Yes

Confirmed Meeting Date Thursday, February 14, 2008

(●) Recognition/ Presentation ( ) Public Hearing ( ) Old Business ( ) New Business ( ) Consent ( ) Report ( ) Other

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE
4 Falcon Drive
Peachtree City, GA 30269

December 1, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

FROM: Barry D. Gooden
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WFO Peachtree City, GA

SUBJECT: StormReady Recognition for Fayette County

On October 24, 2007 the ***StormReady*** local Advisory Board voted to authorize Fayette County to receive the National Weather Service ***StormReady*** recognition. The recognition is valid for a period of three years, and will expire on April 30, 2010

We would like to recognize your efforts at a presentation, usually during the county commissioners' meeting where they might also take part in the recognition ceremony. However, the presentation can be at a date and time of your choosing. Please contact me, so that we might coordinate with the Advisory Board members to be in attendance.

Congratulations on attaining the ***StormReady*** recognition, once again!