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CITY OF BEAVERTON DESIGNATED STORMREADY BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

BEAVERTON, Ore. –The City of Beaverton was recently assessed and found to be StormReady by the National Weather Service (NWS). Beaverton is the first city in the Portland metro area to receive this honor.

NWS warning coordination meteorologist Tyree Wilde presented the city with a certificate and a road sign that designates Beaverton as StormReady at the Sept. 20 Beaverton City Council meeting.

According to the NWS, 98 percent of all presidentially-declared disasters are weather related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$15 billion in damage.

StormReady is a voluntary program of the NWS that recognizes communities, cities and counties that have taken steps to ensure they are able to receive severe weather messaging and deliver those messages to their residents. The assessment looked at Beaverton's methods of receiving and sending emergency weather communications, their outreach efforts, emergency plans and relationships with partner agencies.

As part of the process, Beaverton placed weather radios in the Beaverton School District offices, Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency, The Beaverton Building, and the Griffith Drive building. The city also voluntarily installed a weather station at the Griffith Drive building, which feeds current weather information to Weather Underground.

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