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College Station receives Storm Ready Certification from the National Weather Service.

On February 28, 2008 at the City of College Station Council meeting Mayor Ben White received the Storm Ready sign from Gene Hafele, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service, Houston/Galveston Texas.

“College Station is one of four communities in Southeast Texas to become certified Storm Ready” said Gene Hafele and that “we should be proud of the City and emergency management staff for completing the process and obtaining this recognition”.

Storm Ready 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.

There are 1268 Certified Communities in the Nation, 65 in the State of Texas, and only 4 in the Houston / Galveston National Weather Service District.

Pictured from left to right are Fire Chief R.B. Alley, Mayor Ben White, Emergency Management Coordinator Brian Hilton, Staff Assistant Amy Zaragoza, and Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator Brian Brumfield.

