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Bryan:

On behalf of the StormReady Advisory Board, congratulations on Chicago Ridge being recertified as a StormReady Community. Your leadership and the progressive preparedness measures taken by Chicago Ridge EMA continue to be outstanding. Since StormReady certification in June, 2002, and renewal in 2005, Chicago Ridge has continued to meet all of the requirements of the StormReady program.

Chicago Ridge EMA has continued to improve communications during severe weather, has ensured that volunteers and fire fighters had spotter training, and provided and maintained NOAA Weather Radios at all facilities. The community has continued its public education program through talks, the annual Ridgefest, and providing pagers for hard of hearing and elderly citizens.

Chicago Ridge is authorized to continue to display the StormReady logo on official letterheads, brochures, and other official documentation. The logo is trademarked and thus subject to certain restrictions requiring the National Weather Service to monitor its use, so please send us copies or descriptions of the way it is used. I can send the logo to you as an email attachment.

You will receive 4 new date stickers to be applied to your StormReady road signs.

This special StormReady designation will need to be recertified before June, 2011. Congratulations! Chicago Ridge continues to maintain a "prototype" Community severe weather preparedness program and is very deserving of this prestigious recognition.

Sincerely,

Jim Allsopp
Warning Coordination Meteorologist