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Wolfe County Health & Rehabilitation Center becomes a StormReady® Supporter



From Left to Right: Tony Edwards, NWS Jackson, KY, Amy Prater, Administrator, Wolfe Co. Health & Rehabilitation Center, and Sandy Howard, Director of Nursing, Wolfe Co. Health & Rehabilitation Center.

The Wolfe County Health and Rehabilitation Center was recognized as a National Weather Service StormReady® Supporter on Thursday, October 16th, 2014. The StormReady® Supporter program recognizes organizations for their severe weather preparedness efforts. Wolfe County Health and Rehabilitation is the first StormReady® health care facility in the state of Kentucky.

In order to be able to properly respond to severe weather, Wolfe County Health and Rehabilitation Center and the National Weather Service worked together to develop a severe weather plan tailored specifically for the facility. This plan includes the positioning of NOAA Weather Radios at key locations in the facility for monitoring severe weather alerts and the identification of safe areas in the facility where patients can be moved to avoid flying debris in the event of severe winds or a tornado. Nursing staff were also trained about the weather hazards they may face and how best to respond in the event of a weather emergency.

“We are proud to designate the Wolfe County Health and Rehabilitation Center as a StormReady® Supporter,” said Tony Edwards, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jackson. “They reached out to us based on past severe weather events in the area and wanted to solidify their severe weather plan. This dedication to their patients’ safety and their preparedness efforts are being recognized by this designation.”

StormReady®, a program started in 1999 in Tulsa, OK, helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property, before and during a severe weather event. No community is storm proof, but StormReady® can help communities save lives.

For more information about the StormReady® program please visit <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov> and for information on StormReady® communities and organizations in Kentucky, please visit <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/com-maps/ky-com.htm>.