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The St. Landry Parish Government Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) will be working with The National Weather Service (NWS) – Lake Charles to achieve the distinction of "Storm Ready." The program was developed by the National Weather Service to help recognize and improve community's local hazardous weather operations.

StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives through better planning, education, and awareness. Along with the radar and equipment the NWS has they still rely on reports from the public about what weather conditions are actually occurring and training individuals with weather knowledge improves the quality of information they receive.

The St. Landry Parish Government OHSEP and the NWS will be providing free training on March 19, 2008 to educate individuals in the community to become "storm spotters." The parish must have citizens trained as storm spotters to fulfill one of the requirements of the program and all ages are encouraged to attend. The training will take place at the Public Services Building 1065 Hwy 749 in Opelousas, LA. The training will begin at 3:00 p.m. and last until 4:30 p.m. and attendees will have to sign in and designate the parish they are representing.

Please come out and support St. Landry Parish in our effort to achieve this recognition. If you would like to learn more about the StormReady program go to <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/>. For more information about the class contact Lisa Vidrine at (337)948-7177.

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