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- a. Storm Ready Designation by National Weather Service (Dan Noah, Warning Coordination Meteorologist)

City of Sanibel Designated "Storm Ready" by the National Weather Service

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The City of Sanibel will be recognized as Storm Ready by the National Weather Service on July 21, 2009, during the City Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Mackenzie Hall.

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City of Sanibel

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The City of Sanibel will be recognized as **Storm Ready** by the National Weather Service on July 21, 2009, during the City Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Mackenzie Hall. Sanibel is the 8th community in the State of Florida to receive this designation. As part of the City's storm readiness the City of Sanibel has 21 trained HAM radio operators and 34 trained Skywarn storm spotters.

Storm Ready is a program sponsored by the National Weather Service to recognize cities, counties and communities that enhance their hazardous weather action plan and demonstrate "readiness" before, during, and after severe weather events. To be designated as **Storm Ready** the City of Sanibel was required to meet the following criteria:

Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center

Have redundant communications systems to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings and to alert the public

Create a system that monitors local weather conditions

Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars

Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

The City of Sanibel Police Department continues to evaluate and modify our weather and emergency action plan in respect to training, weather monitoring, warning reception, and local warning dissemination. These factors among others, define a **Storm Ready** community in the National Weather Service Program. As of July 10, 2009, there were 1,476 sites in 50 states, Puerto Rico and Guam designated as **Storm Ready**.

All Sanibel residents, property owners and business owners are reminded that **now is the time** to obtain your 2009 Hurricane Re-Entry pass from the Sanibel Police Department, 800 Dunlop Road. Please call 239-472-3111 if you have any questions.

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Major Michael Murray
Sanibel Police Department
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Sanibel, FL 33957

Dear Mike,

On behalf of the West Central Florida Storm Ready Advisory Board, I would like to congratulate you on your successful application for Storm Ready recognition for the City of Sanibel. The recognition is in effect from 06/17/2009 to 06/17/2012. Sanibel is the 8th city to be recognized as Storm Ready in the state of Florida. As a result of your efforts, Sanibel will be better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of hazardous weather through better planning, education, and awareness. No community is storm proof, but Storm Ready can help communities save lives.

As a Storm Ready recognized jurisdiction, you are authorized to use the Storm Ready logo in official letterheads, brochures, or other suitable documents. A digital file of the image can be acquired the Storm Ready website <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov>. You may now wish to notify the Insurance Services Organization for possible consideration on flood insurance rates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Noah".

Daniel Noah
Warning Coordination Meteorologist
National Weather Service - Tampa Bay Area
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cc: William Tomlinson
StormReady Advisory Board





The West Central and Southwest Florida Storm Ready
Advisory Board has Recognized

The City of Sanibel

as a

STORM READY COMMUNITY

until June 17, 2012



Daniel Noah

Warning Coordination Meteorologist

National Weather Service, Ruskin, FL