



In 2009, Central Michigan University became *StormReady* compliant, as designated by the National Weather Service. CMU is the third university in the state (and one of 44 in the nation) to complete the program.

Based on an average population of 23,000 (including on-campus housing, local enrollment, and faculty/staff), CMU was able to meet the six criteria levels of *StormReady*.

1. The CMU Police Department is able to maintain operations during a severe weather event, working with on-and-off campus resources.
2. CMUPD is able to receive real-time and future weather information from multiple, technology-rich sources.
3. **CMUPD maintains local weather monitoring equipment on-site. Our local weather conditions are reported to two sources, and can be accessed online:**
 - Citizens Weather Observer Program (CWOP) / Meteorological Assimilation Data Ingest System (MADIS)
 - o www.findu.com/cgi-bin/wxpage.cgi?call=DW5588
 - Weather Underground (Online Weather Reporting and Tools)
 - o www.wunderground.com/weatherstation/WXDailyHistory.asp?ID=KMIMTPLE2
4. Once information is received, the CMU Police Department is able to disseminate warnings to the campus community using multiple methods. We are able to notify many people in a timely fashion through applications which alert through phone calls, text messages, emails, and indoor and outdoor speaker systems.
5. The CMU Police Department works in conjunction with other departments to ensure the campus community is aware of severe weather risks and safety. The Environmental and Safety Services Department conducts various training opportunities year-round; available to faculty, staff and students. Link to the ESS website at: <http://www.ess.cmich.edu>
6. CMUPD and ESS have policies in place for many activities related to severe weather. These include emergency notifications, contact with the National Weather Service, seeking assistance from other agencies, spotter activation, and crisis response. The CMU Police Department also has personnel who are trained in spotting and reporting severe weather, often at its early onset.



The safety and security of CMU students, faculty, staff, and visitors is our goal. If you have any questions or comments regarding our severe weather plans or our participation in the *StormReady* program, please contact Sergeant Cameron Wassman at wassm1cd@cmich.edu.

For general information regarding the National Weather Service's *StormReady* program, go to the following link: <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov>

