

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS STORM-READY !

In October of 2009, Central Michigan University became *StormReady* compliant, as designated by the National Weather Service. CMU is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 operate at two different Emergency Operations Centers (EOC's), during severe weather which may impact operations. Coordination with on-and-off-campus resources occur at these locations.
2. CMUPD is able to receive real-time weather information from multiple sources, including NOAA Weather Radio and the Emergency Managers Weather Information Network (EMWIN).
3. **CMUPD routinely monitors local weather conditions and has equipment which it maintains on-site. These local weather conditions are available at the following link:**  
<http://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 with technology-rich 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](mailto:wassm1cd@cmich.edu).

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