



Harlan Health & Rehabilitation becomes a StormReady® Supporter



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From Left to Right: David McGill (Harlan Co. Emergency Management Director), Tony Edwards (NWS Jackson, KY), Lisa Napier (Clinical Coordinator), Gale Hensley (Administrator), Julie Bolin (Director of Nursing)

Harlan Health & Rehabilitation joins Wolfe County Health & Rehabilitation as two of the first StormReady® health care facilities in the state of Kentucky!

In order to be able to properly respond to severe weather, Harlan Health & Rehabilitation developed a severe weather plan tailored specifically to their facility. This plan includes the positioning of NOAA Weather Radios at key locations in the building 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. The nursing staff was also trained on the weather hazards they may face and how best to respond in the event of a weather emergency.

Tony Edwards, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jackson, KY said, “Harlan Health & Rehabilitation already had a very good severe weather preparedness plan in place. Taking the extra steps to gain StormReady Supporter status strengthens their severe weather preparedness and gets them the recognition they deserve for being prepared when severe weather strikes.”

StormReady®, a program started in 1999 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, 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.

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