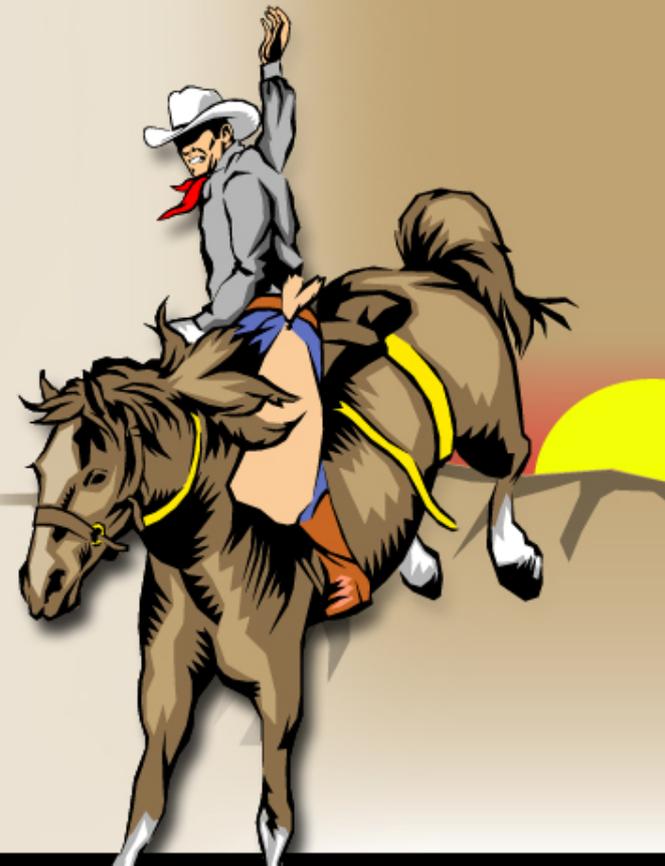


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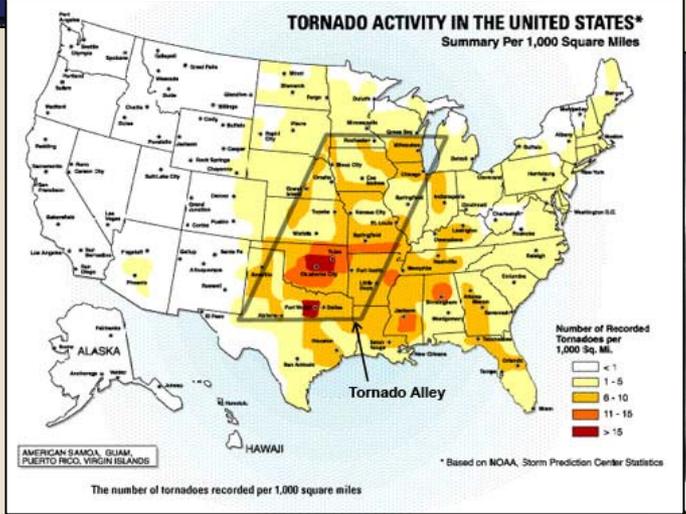
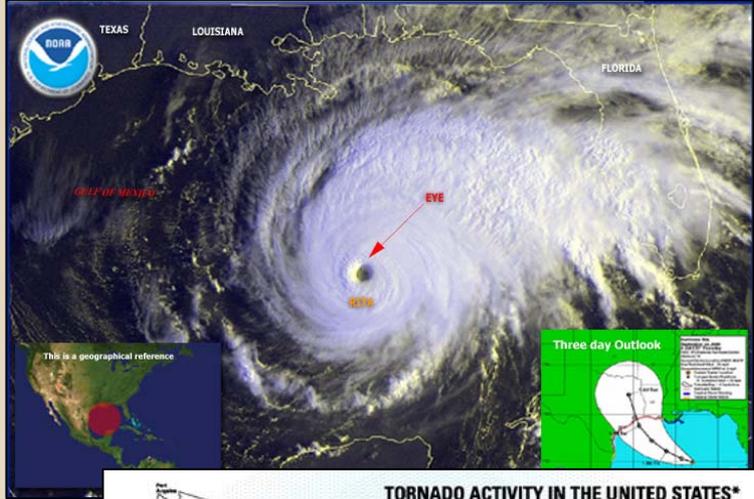
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## The Threat of Severe Weather

Nearly 90% of all Presidentially-declared disasters are weather related, leading to approximately 500 deaths and nearly \$14 billion in damage annually.



# The Threat of Severe Weather

Every year Americans lose their lives, because...

- They did not hear or heed the warning.
- Emergency management officials have no real-time access to National Weather Service warnings.
- Correct safety precautions were not taken, despite large lead times.



# What is StormReady?

- Focuses on improving severe weather communication and preparedness in communities.
- Prepares communities for all severe weather; from tornados to tsunamis.
- Provides communities with detailed and clear guidance to improve their warning and preparedness activities.



## StormReady Criteria

- Establish communication and coordination
  - 24-Hour Warning Point
  - Emergency Operations Center
- Receive critical warning information
  - NOAA Weather Radio
  - NOAA Weather Wire
  - EM-WIN - Internet
  - News Media
  - Pagers & Cell Phones



# StormReady Criteria



- Monitor evolving weather
  - Weather instruments
  - River gage monitoring
  - Radar access (NWS, local, internet)

- Disseminate warnings
  - Cable override
  - NOAA Weather Radio
  - Outdoor Warning Sirens
  - Other systems unique to the area



# StormReady Criteria

- Increase preparedness
  - Spotter and dispatcher training
  - Public safety presentations
  - Conduct emergency drills/exercises



- Enhance internal procedures
  - Review of hazardous weather action plan



## Pantex Recognized as StormReady!



Pantex is recognized with StormReady accreditation, October 2006.



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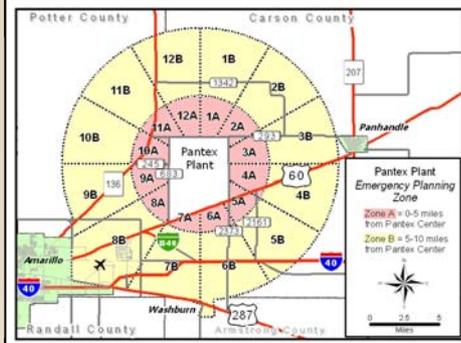




## NWS Partnership Activities



John Brost, NWS, during Kids Weather Hour



- MOU for activation of NOAA Weather Radio for Pantex emergencies.
- NOAA Weather Radio FIPs code for the Pantex Plant 10-Mile EPZ - **048901**.
- Funding for NOAA Weather Radios for residents and businesses in the EPZ.
- Support of the NWS Kids Weather Hour.



# Information Resources

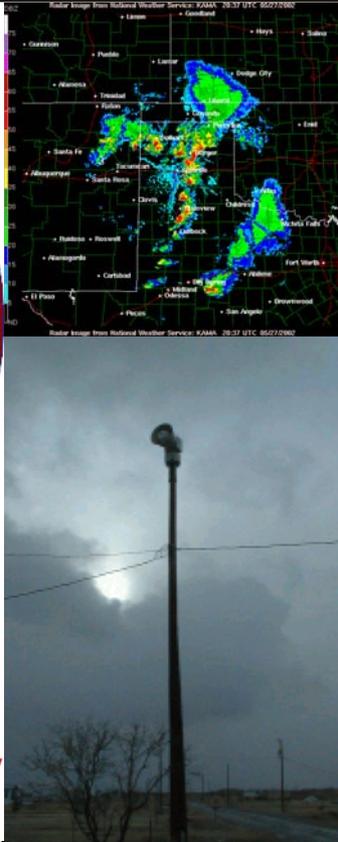
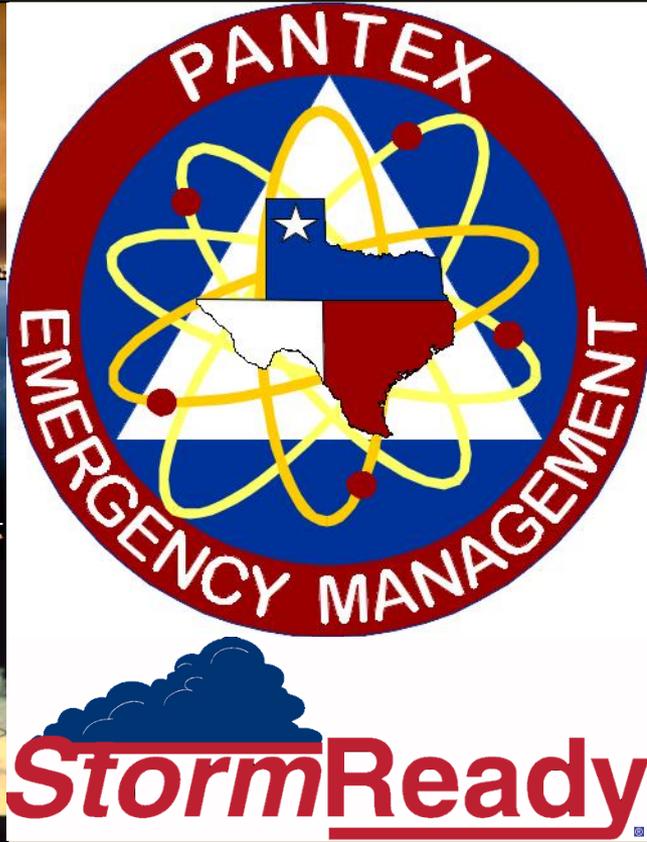


- National Weather Service
  - [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)
- StormReady
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- TsunamiReady
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# Questions?



*Thank You!*

