

Purpose: The StormReady Supporter application requires that a tour of your facility should be given to first responders. If students are involved with this element, students will engage with the 21st Century skills of communication and collaboration.

Instructions for Teacher: After the majority of the project is completed (most notably, the EOP and Sheltering procedures), invite first responders for a tour of the building. You can select a particularly weather/safety interested student to compose an invitation and to accompany the tour giver. The student (if selected) should have a very good to outstanding knowledge of the building's EOP and shelter procedures.

While the first responders will be interested in all types of emergency awareness, it is important to identify specific areas of hazardous weather preparedness including: weather radios, sheltering locations, etc. Feel free to ask them in advance what specifically they would like to see in advance, so you or the tour giver are prepared to show them what they are expecting and for questions that they may ask. Be sure to inform them of your school's intent to be a StormReady Supporter. Consider also inviting local Emergency Management Directors as well.

After the Activity: After the tour, be sure to record the date of the tour and attendees on the StormReady Supporter application.

Reminder: This tour should be done once every three years, even if your StormReady Supporter status is not up for renewal. Specifically, anytime your EOP is modified in a way that could impact first responders, they should be given the opportunity to visit the building and learn about the changes.

