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## Batesville Fire & Rescue named WRN Ambassador

BATESVILLE, IND. -- Batesville Fire & Rescue is pleased to announce the designation as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

As a WRN Ambassador, the fire department will assist citizens of Batesville and surrounding communities to become more ready, responsive, and resilient against extreme environmental hazards.

Due to geographic location and the lack of advanced radar coverage in our region, this program will serve a pivotal role during extreme weather situations. In the event of a storm moving east toward Cincinnati, Batesville Fire & Rescue will now relay real-time data to National Weather Service forecasters who can disperse more accurate and timely information to those in the path of the storm.

"This is an opportunity for us to increase public safety and awareness during situations that have a direct impact on our region and beyond," said Chief Todd Schutte. "We can't change the path of a storm or stop it from causing destruction, but we can help save lives through the flow of information, community education and preparedness."

Batesville Fire & Rescue weather expert Rich Corkhum is responsible for the WRN Ambassador designation and will lead the initiative.

The Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador™ initiative is NOAA's effort to formally recognize partners who are improving the nation's readiness, responsiveness, and overall resilience against extreme weather, water, and climate events.





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