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PRESS RELEASE

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**SPALDING COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WANTS ALL SPALDING
COUNTY RESIDENTS TO BE MADE AWARE OF
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION OPTIONS AVAILABLE**



With the weather conditions experienced over the past few weeks, the Spalding County Office of Homeland Security / Emergency Management would like to advise the notification types that are available in Spalding County to assist with preparedness plans for our residents. While there are many phone applications that can be acquired, our residents have additional resources in the form of an Emergency Notification System from Civic Ready. This is a free program that requires registration through the Civic Ready link on the spaldingcounty.com web page. The program can be tailored, through your choice of preferences during registration, for the alerts that you would like to receive. Additionally, this program can provide you with exactly what you need to obtain information to assist in your preparedness.

At this time, Spalding County has six (6) weather sirens located throughout the county, with future installations planned through the Spalding County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. The concept for weather sirens is to provide an outdoor warning capability, thus weather sirens are limited to the areas that can be alerted.

The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management suggests weather radios as a good primary or secondary resource of weather notifications, there are a limited supply available that can be provide to residents of Spalding County. Weather radios offer information for a designated area and can work with battery back up in most cases should you lose power, thus offering a reliable resource to obtain valuable information. Along with notifications, Ready.gov is a website that offers abundant information that can be used for your preparedness plans from checklist of plans, to items that your preparedness plans should include.

There are numerous methods to obtain valuable weather information in Spalding County, in addition there are resources are available to assist in creating your family's preparedness plans. The more that you prepare yourselves for emergencies and disasters, the better that we, as a community, can withstand the adversities that may accompany these events.

To help Georgians prepare, *Ready Georgia*, a statewide emergency preparedness campaign created by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security, which offers the tools needed to make an emergency supply kit, develop a communications plan and stay informed about potential threats. Visitors to *Ready Georgia's* website can create an online profile to receive a tailored plan for the entire family that includes the specific amount of supplies to put in their household Ready Kits. In addition, the newly upgraded free *Ready Georgia* mobile app provides weather alerts, traffic updates and preparedness information for people on the go.

***For more information or should you need assistance with registering for
Civic Ready, contact the
Spalding County Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Management
at (770)228-2129 or visit Ready Georgia at www.ready.ga.gov.***

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