



SPALDING COUNTY ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP FOR CODERED

Spalding County, through their existing First Call high-speed emergency notification system, will begin delivering messages through the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, known as CodeRED. The added capability provides Spalding County officials an effective way to alert and warn the public about potentially life-threatening emergencies through the Emergency Alert System (EAS), Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), NOAA Weather Radio and even issue notifications to other local alerting authorities all within the single CodeRED interface.

"By integrating these emergency alerting methods within the single CodeRED system, we're able to streamline and make the process much more efficient in the way we notify residents of actual emergencies including imminent threats, saving time and redirecting valuable resources elsewhere that we need to protect our community in times of crisis," said Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, messages initiated through the system are limited to geographic targeting at the county level only and have limited alert detail based on character limitations. When using the CodeRED system, Spalding County officials can drill down to only notify those within the impacted area, even to residents affected within certain neighborhoods, reducing false alarm. Officials can include pertinent information in CodeRED messages, including any action required and other details that provide immediate benefit to the message recipient.

Those enrolled in CodeRED are encouraged to save the following telephone numbers in their phone's contact books to make sure they can differentiate future warnings received: Emergency Comm 866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm Weather Alert 800-566-9780. Residents who have not yet enrolled or who have recently changed their contact information are encouraged to visit Spalding County's website at www.SpaldingCounty.com and add or update their information.

Residents who have enrolled for the First Call System will continue to receive voice calls, text messages and emails. However, the added CodeRED integration will allow residents in Spalding County to receive additional, simultaneous notifications through public signage including billboards, television, radio and their computer, for example (modify specific to community or remove entire paragraph). No additional registration is needed to receive alerts.

***For more information contact:
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