

## SEVERE WEATHER CAN OCCUR ANYTIME: RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER FOR CIVIC READY



With the potential for severe weather during many months during the year, the need for information is always the utmost importance. To help ensure that all Spalding County residents receive life-saving weather warnings and know exactly what to do in the event of a tornado or other emergency, the Spalding County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (Spalding EMA) urges residents to register for the <u>Civic Ready</u> emergency notification system.

"Civic Ready can offer weather alerts that can give you the critical seconds you need to take action during severe weather, but only if you're aware of them" says Spalding EMA Director Glenn Polk. "By signing up for Civic Ready, you'll receive emergency notifications whether you're at work, home, or out and about, night and day."

To register, visit <u>www.spaldingcounty.com</u>. You may choose what kinds of alerts you want to receive, including tornadoes, floods and winter storms, public emergencies and the method of delivery: Landline, cell phone, text or email.

A FEMA survey found that nearly 60 percent of American adults have not practiced what to do in a disaster by participating in a disaster drill or preparedness exercise at work, school, or home in the past year. Further, less than half of these adults have developed an emergency plan and discussed it with their household. With the number and severity of weather-related disasters on the rise, being prepared is the answer and Civic Ready can be a part of being prepared.

For more information on weather preparedness and Spalding EMA, visit <u>https://www.spaldingcounty.com/public-safety/fire-department/homeland-security-emergency-management/</u> or call 770.228.2129.

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