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WELD COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH CodeRED TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES

WELD COUNTY, CO – On Saturday November 15, the Weld County Regional Communications Center (WCRCC) will launch a new high-speed emergency notification system called CodeRED. The new system will replace the existing reverse notification system used to alert county residents of emergencies. The CodeRED system will also offer new features to subscribers including free weather notifications via text or email.



"This system will offer more to our county residents," said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. "And residents who have already registered their phone numbers with the previous system will automatically have their numbers loaded into the new system."

Existing users, however, are encouraged to create a user profile and make sure their information in the system is current.

"It is important for everyone to make sure their information is up to date," said Public Safety Communications Director Mike Wallace. "Phone numbers change, people move – if your information isn't correct in the system, we can't get emergency information to you."

On November 13, the WCRCC will send a mass notification to current subscribers announcing the new system and reminding them to check their information to ensure the data pertaining to them and their home is as accurate as possible.

"We also want to make sure those who haven't registered their information with the system do so," said Wallace. "We want to encourage friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers to submit their contact information at www.weld911alert.com."

The CodeRED platform will allow county officials and law enforcement agencies to communicate with citizens through telephone calls (landline, cellular, TTY and VoIP), text messages and emails in an effort to effectively inform residents of emergencies to protect life and property.

"We have informed county law and fire agencies of this change," said Wallace. "Together we will be making a coordinated push to get as many Weld County residents registered to receive emergency alerts as possible."

Weld County has also contracted the CodeRED Weather Warning system, an automated weather warning technology that delivers phone calls, text messages, and emails to registered residents and businesses at their specific registered address if it is within the direct path of severe weather projected by the National Weather Service. The CodeRED Weather Warning system is an opt-in service that automatically notifies those registered of tornado, flash flood, and severe thunderstorm warnings just minutes after an alert is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS).

To register your information, or to update your current information, please go to www.weld911alert.com. To learn more about the CodeRED system, please go to www.weldgov.com.

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