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Cumberland County Adopts Smart911 Emergency Notification System

Today, officials in Cumberland County, Maine announced the adoption of a new emergency notification system. These systems alert visitors and residents in the County of emergencies that impact their homes or other locations.

The Rave Alert system, powered by Smart911, allows residents or visitors to register their addresses with the County. When a disaster impacts that address, they can receive a call, text or email to alert them and provide important instructions. 911 Director Melinda Fairbrother-Dyer notes “This system creates the ability to make participating residents more informed. Having the capability to get information out quickly and put it directly in the hands of those who need it can make a world of difference.”

This system replaces the CodeRed system that had previously been used. Anyone wishing to continue to receive alerts must subscribe to the new Rave Alert system. The County has set up a dedicated [webpage](#) to sign up or call 207-893-2810.

The system differs from other systems that ‘ping’ cell phones, Emergency Management Director Michael Durkin explained “tying alerts to an address is a strength because the system allows you to enter multiple addresses. You can put your home, work, a camp, your children’s bus stop, any location that matters. That flexibility is important.” He went on to note the system is often used by out-of-state caretakers.

For additional information and to sign up please visit: [\[LINK\]](#).

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