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National Preparedness Month September 2010 - Be Informed - CodeRED Notification System

September is National Preparedness Month and Polk County Emergency Management is supporting this campaign to increase awareness and assist you in becoming as prepared as possible if an event occurs. Today's topic is the *CodeRED Emergency Notification System*.

CodeRED Emergency Notification System is a high volume - high speed mass notification service that provides residents with recorded telephone messages, text messages and/or e-mail alerts on various emergency and non-emergency situations taking place throughout Polk County. Once enrolled, you will receive geographically relevant communications. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports or other incidents where timely notification of the public is crucial. CodeRED will never be used for telemarketing or other non-emergency functions.

Signing-up for CodeRED is free. (You may be charged for incoming calls, messages and data on your devices. Please contact your mobile service provider to find out the cost.)

We encourage all residents and businesses to go to the Polk County Emergency Management website, www.polkcountyiowa.gov/EmergencyManagement/, click on the CodeRED logo located on the right side of the homepage and enter their contact information, including additional phone numbers, and text and email addresses, to ensure all of the data in our system is accurate and current. We will safeguard your information and ensure that it is not used for any reason other than emergency notification.

If you do not have Internet access, please contact a friend or family member to help add your contact information to the emergency database. You can also call the Polk County Emergency Management directly at 515-286-2107 for assistance.

On September 16th, Polk County Emergency Management will be using the CodeRED Emergency Notification System to call the entire community. This will give our personnel a chance to train and operate the system as if there has been a community disaster. It will also allow us to confirm that the phone numbers in the system are current.

For more information please visit the following websites:

<http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/emergencymanagement/>

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