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Residents can sign up to have emergency alerts sent to mobile devices

GEORGETOWN COUNTY — When important information needs to reach the public, direct messaging is a key method used by Georgetown County's Emergency Management Division. The county contracts with the Emergency Communications Network for use of the CodeRED high-speed notification system to send important messages via phone, text and e-mail to those in its database.

However, such systems are only as good as the telephone number database that supports them, said Sam Hodge, the county's emergency manager.

"If your phone number is not in the database, you will not receive these alerts," Hodge said.

The database does not automatically include unlisted or cellular phone numbers. But no one, even if they have a listed residential number, should automatically assume their phone number is included.

Every resident and business in the county is encouraged to make sure they're signed up for alerts by visiting www.gtcounty.org. A link to sign up is available through the "Emergency Alert Center" in the Quick Links box on the left-hand side of the home page. Sign up is easy and residents can choose to enter just a phone number, or opt to receive notifications by text message or e-mail. Residents can enter multiple phone numbers and will also be asked for their street address as the system allows Emergency Management to send notifications to specific areas of the county as well as countywide.

Those without Internet access can sign up for notifications by calling the Emergency Management office, (843) 545-3273.

"CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information," Hodge said.

Data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes.

For more information, call (843) 545-3273.

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