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Woodridge Police Department to Test CodeRED Emergency Notification System

- An “All Call” Test will take place starting on Tuesday, August 18 and last several days to test the CodeRED Emergency notification system before the start of the school year
- The CodeRED system allows public safety officials to quickly deliver targeted messages within Woodridge about emergency situations
- The Police Department encourages all Woodridge residents and businesses to register for free

WOODRIDGE, Ill., August 14, 2020: The Woodridge Police Department and CodeRED will utilize an “All Call” test starting on Tuesday, August 18. The goal is to reach as many contacts in Woodridge as possible to test the system and encourage people to sign up for the emergency notification system in advance of the upcoming school year. The test checks connection rates – and time is essential in an emergency – plus the accuracy of the contact information database.

The CodeRED system allows public safety officials to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas within Woodridge in emergencies. CodeRED provides geographic emergency notifications by call, text, and email, and public safety officials would use the system to help keep people informed of situations that can immediately impact safety. A few examples of when the Woodridge Police Department would use CodeRED criminal activity near a specific neighborhood or workplace (depending on the address registered), active shooters, evacuation notices, floods, and missing person cases.

Chief Brian Cunningham said emergency notification systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. "If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called." One of the reasons the Woodridge Police Department selected CodeRED is that it



Similar to testing tornado sirens, the CodeRED “All Call” test ensures proper operation. The test also assists in public awareness of the emergency alert program. The Woodridge CodeRED system does not utilize the national system, Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). Woodridge residents and businesses may enroll in CodeRED on the Village of Woodridge website or by texting “Woodridge” to 99411.

gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their phone numbers directly into the system's database – an extremely important feature.

“No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included,” Deputy Chief Tom Stefanson said urging, all individuals and businesses to log onto the Woodridge Police Department Website, www.woodridgeil.gov follow the link to the [Register](#)” page. You can also text *WOODRIDGE* to 99411 to enroll your information from your mobile phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number.

Deputy Chief Stefanson explained, "CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure the proper individuals receive emergency notification calls in a given situation. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages."

Chief Cunningham said, "CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information. The data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes."

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