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Washington County, MN – Thursday, December 29, 2011 –Washington County has started to use its ability to geographically target phone, text, and email messages to residents through the use of the CodeRED high-speed notification solution.

To ensure your text and email addresses are in the database, log onto the Washington County Sheriff website at WWW.WCSHERIFF.INFO and follow the CodeRED link IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PAGE. Those without Internet access may call the Washington County 9-1-1 Communications Center at 651-439-9381 for assistance. Required information includes a street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes) for location purposes and a primary phone number. To receive email and text messages, individuals will also need to enter these addresses and information. More information about the CodeRED system is on the website, any questions should be directed to the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 651-439-9381.

Washington County will be activating the CodeRED system on Wednesday, January 4th at 12 PM (noon). This activation will test the system and notify residents of the system capabilities and how to register their information.

About Emergency Communications Network

Emergency Communications Network Inc. (ECN) provides affordable high-speed notification solutions capable of reaching millions of citizens in minutes. ECN's sophisticated network supports a web-based product suite featuring CodeRED[®] which enables local government officials to communicate time-sensitive, personalized messages via voice, email and text messaging. For more information about Emergency Communications Network, visit emergencycommunications.net.

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