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## **Wadena County CodeRED Emergency Notification system**

**Wadena, MN – 09/24/13** – The County of Wadena has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides county officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire county.

Luke Manderschied, Wadena County Sheriff' Office Emergency Management Director, cautioned that such 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 CodeRED system was selected is it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database, this is an extremely important feature.

"No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included," Manderschied said urging all individuals and businesses to log onto the County of Wadena's website, [WWW.CO.WADENA.MN.US](http://WWW.CO.WADENA.MN.US), and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page. Those without Internet access may call Wadena County Sheriff's Emergency Management Office (218-631-7795), Monday through Friday, (8AM-4PM) to supply their information over the 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.

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

Manderschied stated, "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." Questions should be directed to the Wadena County Sheriff's Emergency Management Office, 218-631-7795.

### **About Emergency Communications Network**

Headquartered in Ormond Beach, Fla., Emergency Communications Network, LLC (ECN) has pioneered high-speed emergency notification services capable of reaching millions of citizens in minutes. ECN's sophisticated network supports a Web-based product suite featuring six major services: CodeRED® which enables local government officials to communicate time-sensitive, personalized messages via voice, email and text messaging; CodeRED Weather Warning™ which provides automated alerts to citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service; CityWatch™, a premise and Web-based, full featured outbound and inbound communication notification system; SmartNotice™, a streamlined notification solution for businesses; My Daily Call™ for scheduling calls to check on at-risk individuals, including the elderly, infirm and latchkey kids and Code-ED® for use by school systems to improve communications with their communities. For more information, visit [www.ecnetwork.com](http://www.ecnetwork.com).