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## Allen County Law Enforcement Center

### CodeRED WEATHER WARNING IS HERE!!

Allen County Law Enforcement Center is now providing a telephone based warning system for severe weather to Allen County residents. CodeRED Weather Warning will alert residents, who have signed up for this free service, within seconds of any National Weather Service warning for **tornado, severe thunderstorm, flash flood and winter storm warnings**. Due to the fact that the system is fully automated (based on information received from the weather service via satellite) residents will receive a recorded message alerting them prior to weather radio activation, sirens and media announcements in most situations (calls begin 5 seconds after the warning is issued).

#### ***What CodeRED Weather Warning does:***

CodeRED Weather Warning is a severe weather early warning service that will call your telephone and deliver a prerecorded alert message within seconds after a warning is issued by the National Weather service for your area.

#### ***How CodeRED Weather Warning works:***

CodeRED Weather Warning utilizes state of the art satellite equipment to capture severe weather warnings within seconds after they are issued by local National Weather Service (NWS) Meteorologists. CodeRED Weather Warning computers instantly interpret each bulletin to determine the severity of the warning\* and the exact area(s) affected. If the NWS bulletin has identified a severe storm\* the CodeRED Weather Warning system creates a calling database of all CodeRED Weather Warning subscribers in the potential path of the storm. This calling database is submitted (within seconds) to the massive CodeRED automated calling system.

CodeRED utilizes a massive network of computerized dialers connected to thousands of telephone lines. CodeRED Weather Warning is capable of delivering over One Million weather warning calls per day! The dialing speed of CodeRED Weather Warning makes it possible to call our subscribers within seconds after a warning is issued for their area. CodeRED Weather Warnings are delivered so quickly they often arrive before any other warnings are made public... usually before weather radio broadcasts!

#### ***How to sign up for CodeRED Weather Warning:***

**Option 1:** Log on to [www.allencounty.org](http://www.allencounty.org), go to Sheriff link, in the bottom right corner there is a CodeRED icon. Please click on this icon enter your information and don't forget to check the box at the bottom marked "CodeRED Weather Warning".

**Option 2:** Log on to [www.cityofjola.com](http://www.cityofjola.com), click on the CodeRED icon on the home page and enter your information and don't forget to check the box at the bottom marked "CodeRED Weather Warning".

***\*Severe warnings acted on by CodeRED Weather Warning include tornado, Severe thunderstorm, flash flood and winter storm warnings.***



**Dear Allen County Citizen**  
**CodeRED WEATHER WARNING**  
**ALERT SYSTEM**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- Question:** *We already have CodeRED service in Allen County. Why do we need another system?*  
**Answer:** CodeRED Weather Warning can provide critical extra time for preparation in case severe weather threatens. Warning calls are initiated automatically, with no interaction needed by City personnel, in response to National Weather Service (NWS) warnings. Their technology allows calls to be placed within seconds of the warning, and calls are directed only to those who are in the projected path of the storm or in the area of flash flooding.
- Question:** *I'm already signed up for CodeRED. Will I receive the Weather Warning calls, too?*  
**Answer:** No. You must fill in a new registration to be part of the new weather warning service.
- Question:** *How do I know if I'm signed up for CodeRED at all?*  
**Answer:** If you received a test call in the past from Allen County, you are registered in the CodeRED alert system, but not the Weather Warning system.
- Question:** *I want to receive a warning call whenever my family or residence may be in danger. What's the best way to insure that?*  
**Answer:** Register for the CodeRED Weather Warning. If your phone number is not already included in the CodeRED alert system, it will be added there as well.
- Question:** *I hear weather warnings on TV, and the City has warning sirens. Why do we need Code Red Weather Warning, too?*  
**Answer:** A dangerous storm warning may be issued by the National Weather Service while you're sleeping. Your windows may be closed, making it difficult for you to hear the siren. A phone call will wake you and give you a chance to prepare for the storm.
- Question:** *If I register, will I be called every time the National Weather Service issues a storm warning for Allen County?*  
**Answer:** Code Red uses advanced polygon-based technology to determine the areas that may be most vulnerable. Calls are only sent out to those whose addresses fall within the polygon. This may be a very small area or a very large one, depending on the storm.

In a constant effort to promote the safety of our citizens we have added this program as another tool in our tool belt of safety measures. Please take the time to register for this program and do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss

**Safety isn't just a slogan, it's a way of life. ~Author Unknown**

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