

NEWS RELEASE

Van Buren County Sheriff's Department

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Van Buren County Sheriff Dale R. Gribler is please to announce a joint program between his office and Entergy. The program, funded by Entergy is administered by the Sheriff's Office, is call CodeRED which is a reverse 9-1-1 system.

Van Buren County Central Dispatch will have the ability to alert county residents by telephone of emergencies or public information throughout the county or the notification can be narrowed down to a specific area such as a subdivision.

"This is a very exciting service we can provide to our residents," said Sheriff Gribler. "This can be used for a multitude of needs from evacuating areas, to locating a lost child or notifying our residents of criminal activity in an area," the Sheriff further commented.

Van Buren County residents, businesses and students are encouraged to register online to be personally alerted in the event of an imminent threat to health and safety – such as a chemical spill, nuclear power plant event, evacuation notice, bomb threat, boil water notification, or missing child alert- through the CodeRED program provided by Entergy's Palisades Nuclear Power Plant located in Covert Township.

The CodeRED system is capable of dialing 60,000 phone numbers per hour, making three attempts to connect any registered number and delivering a recorded message to a live person or answer machine within a specific geographic area or for the entire county.

To register your phone number, click on the CodeRED icon on the left menu of the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office website at www.vanburencountysheriff.com Provide your name, address, primary phone number and alternative phone number to receive emergency notifications from the Sheriff's Office. Individuals without internet access can pick up a free CodeRED residential or business registration form at the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office, 205 S. Kalamazoo Street, Paw Paw MI or request a form by calling 888-273-8111

CodeRED notification is also recommended for individuals interested in receiving emergency information related to a specific Van Buren County address, such as for nearby relatives of an elderly or disabled Van Buren County resident. Information from the CodeRED registration will be managed on behalf of Van Buren County for authorized local emergency phone communications only and will not be used or sold for any other application.

"The partnership with Entergy has been exceptional and I truly want to thank Entergy for their commitment to Van Buren County residents," concluded Sheriff Gribler

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