



05 April 2012 – Washington County Judge Marilyn Edwards and Sheriff Tim Helder are happy to announce that Washington County now has an account with Emergency Communications Network, providers of the CodeRED high-speed notification solution and the CodeRED Weather Warning service. This no-charge service will allow message recipients in the rural unincorporated area of Washington County to easily identify calls coming through the systems. Message recipient's Caller ID will read Emergency Communications Network or 866-419-5000 for CodeRED calls. And for CodeRED Weather Warning calls, either Emergency Communications Network or the number 800-566-9780 will appear on Caller ID displays.

Most relevant for our citizens, say Judge Edwards and Sheriff Helder, "Residents can simply dial the number displayed on their Caller ID to hear the last message delivered. This will greatly reduce the number of inbound inquiries handled by our office and will offer residents an immediate replay of the message."

The CodeRED system also provides Washington County officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted

areas or the entire rural (unincorporated) county. If you are not sure that you are included in the database, simply log onto the Washington County website, www.co.Washington.ar.us, and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page. It is recommended that all businesses 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. Those without Internet access may call Washington County at 479-973-8736 Monday through Friday, (8AM-4PM) to supply their information over the phone.

CodeRED Weather Warning is an opt-in only weather warning product that taps into the National Weather Service's Storm Based Warnings. CodeRED Weather Warning automatically alerts affected citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service.

Emergency Communications Network (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;