

Hartford Township, Bennington Township & the Village of Hartford

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Hartford & Bennington Township, and the Village of Hartford have contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides residents with warnings in the event of threatening weather.

Michael Ullom, Hartford Township Fiscal officer, 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," Ullom said urging all individuals and businesses to log onto the **Hartford Township website, www.hartfordtownship.net**, and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page.

Those without Internet access may call the **Hartford Township office (740-893-3333)**, **Bennington Township Fiscal Officer, Sally Hatfield at 740-893-2467** or **Village of Hartford Councilman Winston Sayers at 740-893-1750** 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.

Ullom 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."

Ullom 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 **Hartford Township Fiscal Officer Michael Ullom at 740-404-3610**, **Bennington Township Fiscal Officer Sally Hatfield at 740-893-2467** or the **Village of Hartford Councilman Winston Sayers at 740-893-1750**.