



THE CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI AND CENTRAL JACKSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEDIA ALERT

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The City of Blue Springs, Mo., and the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District will test the CodeRED™ Emergency Notification System on Thursday, July 8 at 1 p.m.

The City of Blue Springs, Missouri and the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District (CJCFPD) will be testing the CodeRED Emergency Notification System on Thursday, July 8 at 1 p.m. This test commonly referred to as an "All Call" is designed to increase the efficiency of the system by testing the local telephone line infrastructure, validating the phone number database and removing all nonworking numbers.

"We are encouraging all residents and businesses to visit www.bluespringsgov.com/codered or www.cjcfpd.org/codered and add their contact information, including cell phone numbers, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) numbers, traditional phone line numbers and email addresses," said Blue Springs Police Chief Wayne McCoy. "Those without Internet access can call the CodeRED hotline at (816) 220-CODE (2633) and supply their contact information over the phone."

No action is required by residents for this test. The phone number 866-419-5000 and "Emergency Communications Network" will appear on caller ID for this test. If you are unable to hear the message or if you miss the call, you can call back the number (866-419-5000) and hear the last message sent to your phone.

"If you do not receive a call on Thursday, you are not in our contact database," said Central Jackson County Fire Protection District Fire Chief Steven P. Westermann. "It's very important that you register your updated contact information. If you are not in the database, we will not be able to contact you when an urgent message is sent."

Currently, there are over 31,000 numbers registered in the system. It will take the system under an hour to complete the "All Call" test. During this time there will be no interruption of 911 services, and there should be limited interference with daily activity as each participant in the system should receive only one message on each number/phone listed.

For more information about the CodeRED system, please contact Kim Nakahodo, Communications Manager at (816) 655-0497.

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