

Mills County Emergency Management starts CodeRED and CodeRED Weather Warning Clients

Glenwood, Iowa - March 17, 2014 The County of Mills has recently updated its account with Emergency Communications Network, providers of the **CodeRED** highspeed notification solution and the **CodeRED** Weather Warning service. This no-charge update will allow message recipients to easily identify calls coming through the systems. Message recipient's Caller ID will read Emergency Communications Network or 866-419-5000 for Emergency CodeRED calls, and 855-969-4636 for General Information CodeRED calls. 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, says Larry Hurst, Mills County Emergency Management Director, "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 provides Mills County officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire county. If you are not sure that you are included in the database, simply log onto the Mills County website, **www.millscoia.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 pick up an enrollment form from their local city clerk or County Emergency Management office in the lower level of the Mills County Courthouse.

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.

About Emergency Communications Network Emergency Communications Network Inc. (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; **CodeRED** Weather WarningTM which provides automated alerts to citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service; CheckUp CallTM for scheduling calls to check on at-risk individuals, including the elderly, infirm and latchkey kids; and **CodeED**® for use by school systems to improve communications with their communities. For more information about Emergency Communications Network, visit emergencycommunications.net. Locally for additional information contact Larry Hurst at Mills County Emergency Management – 712.527.3643 or <u>lhurst@millsctyema.org</u>. **To Sign-Up go to www.millscoia.us & Click on CodeRED.