

NEWS RELEASE

Community Urged To Register for New County Alert and Warning System



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(December 15, 2022) – San Miguel County public safety officials are launching a new mass notification system called **San Miguel County Alert and Warning** - powered by Genasys® Emergency Management (GEM). San Miguel County (SMC) Alert and Warning will be used to communicate critical information including road closures, evacuation orders, wildfire information, and more.

The new system will go live on **December 15th** and will officially replace the previous CodeRED emergency alert system – you must re-register in the new system. **Officials encourage members of the community to sign up for the new system and add your home and/or local work addresses as soon as possible.** Notifications will be sent out in both alert systems until January 9, 2023 when the current CodeRED contract expires.

All residents are encouraged to sign up for SMC alerts using any of the following methods:

- ✓ Visit <https://qrco.de/bdWeaf> OR
- ✓ Text **SMCALERT** to **65513**

Anyone who lives, plays, works, or owns property in San Miguel County can sign up. In addition, any Montrose County residents who are within the Norwood Fire Protection District (ex. Redvale, Deer Mesa, etc.) can sign up.

During the registration process users can choose the types of alerts they want to receive, how to receive these alerts (cell phone, text/SMS message, email and/or landline phone) and can add their home and work address to receive targeted messages by location.

"This is the easiest and best way for our community to receive vital information in the most timely way," Sheriff Bill Masters says.

It's important to note that public officials of Delta, Montrose, Gunnison and Ouray counties are also implementing their own GEM alert systems. Registration in multiple systems is encouraged to receive localized alerts at your home and work and to fit your needs. In the near future, GEM will integrate with the existing San Miguel Sheriff's Office Twitter and Facebook pages and will also offer a mobile app.

The information entered into the system is for the purposes of communicating emergency and official information only – Genasys® and San Miguel County will never share or sell your information. Genasys® is a global provider of critical communications systems and solutions like Genasys Emergency Management (GEM) designed to help protect and keep people safe.

San Miguel County Emergency Management staff are available to assist you with any registration issues. Contact staff at 970-369-8628 or email them at info@sanmiguelsheriff.org.