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Streamlined CodeRED Contract to Save Citizens Thousands of Dollars

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – July 11, 2018 — The Camden County Board of Commissioners, the Camden County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), the City of Kingsland, and the City of St. Marys announced a restructuring of existing CodeRED contracts in an effort to save taxpayers thousands of dollars, eliminate duplicative services, and streamline the delivery of emergency notifications. A single, county-wide contract is now in place with the emergency notification system to deliver geographically-targeted, time-sensitive information to Camden County residents and visitors.

The new CodeRED contract now provides Spanish language capability and the new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS) at an overall lower cost. In addition, both the cities of Kingsland and St. Marys have reduced operating costs by \$3,500.00 annually for each municipality. Considering that in a Tropical Storm, or other significant incident, multiple calls and notifications to all registered users may be necessary, the savings adds up into the tens of thousands for both the Cities, and the County as evidenced during last year’s Hurricane Irma.

“We are excited to partner with Kingsland and St. Marys for our new CodeRED contract. Together, we are able to offer a better service to residents at a lower price” said Camden County EMA Director Chuck White. “In addition to the cost-savings, this is another way we are strengthening our partnership, communication, and collaboration for critical incidents facing our community.”

All Camden County residents should ensure they maintain up-to-date [CodeRED](#) registration at all times. In addition to the emergency notifications, participating citizens receive location-specific severe weather warnings, including flash flood, severe thunderstorm, and tornado warnings.

About Camden County Emergency Management Agency (EMA): The EMA is responsible for the management of all emergency preparedness program areas within the County. Using the provisions of Georgia statutes, the Agency is responsible for developing and implementing comprehensive disaster planning, mitigation, and response activities within Camden County. Additionally, the EMA also develops and maintains emergency plans for all types of natural and man-made hazards, and provides the analysis and recommendations necessary to make decisions that will effectively save lives and protect property in such emergencies.

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