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## **DUBUQUE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO TEST LOCAL EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Dubuque, IA – - The City of Dubuque and Dubuque County will be utilizing the CodeRED Emergency Notification System on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to call the entire community.

The calls will begin in the morning and will continue until the entire database has been attempted. This call will give Dubuque County Emergency Management personnel the chance to operate the system as if there has been a community wide disaster.

The message that is being delivered directs recipients to the City of Dubuque and Dubuque County web sites to add additional contact numbers, and it also asks that recipients spread the word by mentioning the system to family, friends and neighbors.

Tom Berger, the Dubuque County Emergency Management Director, suggests that “all individuals and businesses should take the time to visit the City of Dubuque or Dubuque County website and add contact information to include cellular phones and other non-traditional phones as well as email and text addresses. If your contact information is not in the database you will not receive a call when an urgent message is sent.” In particular businesses should register, as well as individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number recently, and those who use a cellular phone exclusively as their primary numbers.

Berger urges citizens to log onto the City of Dubuque website at [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org) or the Dubuque County website at [www.dubuquecounty.org](http://www.dubuquecounty.org) and follow the CodeRED link listed on the home page. Those without Internet access are encouraged to contact family or friends who may be able to assist them. Required information includes a street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes) for location purposes and a primary phone number. Additional phone numbers, email and text addresses may also be entered.

More information about the CodeRED system is on the website, any questions should be directed to the Dubuque County Emergency Management Agency at 563-589-4170