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Countywide CodeRED Testing

Yreka, Ca- On Wednesday March 20, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. the Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services (OES) will be performing a countywide test of the CodeRED Emergency Notification system. We would like to remind everyone this is just a **TEST**. OES is encouraging all residents to sign up for CodeRED today at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/6F327CCDFFFD>

Jasen Vela, Siskiyou County's Deputy Director of Office of Emergency Services, cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone database supporting them. "If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called". The CodeRED system not only offers faster calling rates and improved message delivery, it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly to the system's telephone database. Vela emphasized that this is an extremely important feature.

To ensure no one is omitted, Vela urges all individuals and businesses to log onto the Siskiyou County website, <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/emergencyservices/page/codered-emergency-alert-system>, Those without Internet access may call Jasen Vela at 530-841-2155, Monday through Friday, (8AM-5PM) to give their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers (optional). No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included, Vela said. All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the last year, and who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone.

Vela stated, "CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for doing so. The information will only be used for emergency notification purposes".

Siskiyou County OES reminds everyone to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed. Safety is a two-way street, so be sure to register today to receive the information you need. Don't wait for an emergency to register your number

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