



“ALERT Williams County” Citizen Notification System

Williams County Keeps Citizens Safe and Informed with Federal Signal Smart Message Alerts

Residents and Businesses Can Sign Up to Receive Critical Communications and Emergency Alerts

Williston, ND, January 19, 2017 —Williams County Emergency Management will begin using “ALERT Williams County” citizen notification system to communicate with citizens and businesses during emergencies and other critical events. Residents are encouraged to register immediately to receive these alerts: www.williamsnd.com/alert

Williams County will use the “ALERT Williams County” citizen notification system to alert residents about a variety of events, ranging from severe weather, fires, and other emergencies such as chemical releases. Routine announcements could include road closures and utility outages. Messages will be sent to residents on their preferred contact paths—cell phone, home phone, email, and more—to ensure real-time access to potentially lifesaving information. Residents with a landline telephone are automatically subscribed to emergency alerts by phone, but “ALERT Williams County” citizen notification system allows citizens to self-register, provide additional contact information, and subscribe to more notifications.

“We have a commitment to ensure public safety, community awareness and emergency response. To uphold this, when critical information and public service announcements are available, we need to reach our residents as quickly and reliably as possible,” said Mike Smith Director of Emergency Management for Williams County and the City of Williston. “The “ALERT Williams County” citizen notification system allows Emergency Management to disseminate this information across all types of devices, ensuring residents have access to real-time public information when they need it the most.”

There are three options for registering for “ALERT Williams County” citizen notifications. Registration is available online via the Williams County website at www.williamsnd.com/alert. Registration forms can be found at the Williams County Courthouse lobby and in all City Hall buildings across Williams County. Registration can also be completed via phone by calling 701-577-7707.

For questions or to schedule an interview please contact Emergency Manager Mike Smith (email preferred) at MikeSM@co.williams.nd.us or at 701-577-7707.

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