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The City of DeKalb recently released Alert DeKalb, a new public safety warning system. Alert DeKalb is a free service that allows individuals to sign up for notifications sent from state and local authorities. It also allows citizens to submit tips and complaints directly to the DeKalb Police Department through their cellular phone.

It is important to note that Alert DeKalb has replaced CodeRed and I-Watch, which performed similar functions. **Both Code Red and I-Watch will no longer be in service as of Friday, 7/14/17.** Residents and travelers to DeKalb can sign up for free at **AlertDeKalb.com** to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message on their cell phones.

Residents can also send tips to Alert DeKalb by texting "67283." The text message must begin with "AlertDeKalb." The text will alert the DeKalb Police Department and a telecommunicator can respond to your text. Residents have the ability to remain anonymous while reporting criminal or suspicious activity, quality of life concerns, and any requests for services.

Contact Commander Craig Woodruff at 815-748-8175 with any questions.



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DeKalb Announces New Emergency Enhancement to Their Mass Notification System

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Public safety officials in DeKalb are excited to announce that a new alert and notification system provided by the Smart911 platform is now available to all residents. Alert DeKalb is a free service that allows individuals to sign up for notifications sent from state and local authorities. It also allows citizens to submit tips and complaints directly to the DeKalb Police Department through their cellular phone. Alert DeKalb is replacing CodeRed and I-Watch, which performed similar functions. Alert DeKalb keeps residents and travelers informed on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic and other emergencies.

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"Alert DeKalb enables authorities to notify the community in real time," said Commander Craig Woodruff. "This service allows for critical communication with the public and provides individuals with the information needed to stay safe or take precautions during hazardous or emergency situations."

Alert DeKalb allows residents and travelers to DeKalb to sign up for free at AlertDeKalb.com to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message on their cell phones. They can also identify when and how they are alerted and communicated with; before, during, and after emergencies.

Residents will receive notifications that will improve safety in our city and help inform residents of potentially lifesaving actions they may need to take in an emergency. The information sent out by Alert DeKalb through emergency notifications allows both residents and first responders to be better informed in an emergency situation.



