

Connecticut Officials Urge ALL Connecticut Residents to Sign Up for Emergency Alerts; Allowing Urgent Communications with EVERY CONNECTICUT Resident

The State of Connecticut today announced the opening of the registration website for CT Alert (www.ctalert.gov), the nation's **first** statewide emergency notification system (ENS) enabling Connecticut authorities to communicate critical information to hundreds of thousands of Connecticut residents and businesses before, during and after emergencies.

Connecticut Public Safety agencies (POLICE, FIRE, HOMELAND SECURITY, PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE & LOCAL OFFICIALS) will use the CT Alert system during hazardous events, such as natural disasters and public health emergencies. The CT Alert system was developed in partnership with state and local officials, as well as the emergency notification company Everbridge.

CT Alert enables state and local officials to provide potentially life-saving information to all Connecticut citizens quickly and efficiently across multiple communication devices, including cell phone, home phone, e-mail, text message, fax, pager, PDA, and more.

For this system to be effective, it is vital for Connecticut residents to register on the site www.ctalert.gov to receive emergency alerts.

“We are proud that Connecticut is the first State in the nation to implement a statewide emergency notification system to protect the lives and property of all of our citizens,” said Lt. Governor Michael Fedele and Public Safety Commissioner James Thomas. “The State is committed to ensuring public safety, but **we can’t alert you if we can’t reach you**. We’ve signed up our families for CT Alert and urge all Connecticut residents and businesses to do the same.”

Some of Connecticut’s 169 towns, including Stonington, Mystic, and Pawcatuck have already utilized this CT ALERT system during the spring storms that left many residents stranded and in need of help.

“Having the emergency notification system in place allowed Connecticut to have a clearly defined and effective process to communicate everything from notifying volunteer and paid first responders and officials, to providing evacuation information to our citizens. We also can keep the public informed following any storms for recovery purposes,” said, Lt Governor Michael Fedele. “Communications tools and technology have made it easier for us to ensure the safety of our citizens at all times, but we urge our residents to do their part as well and sign up.”

For Connecticut citizens to sign up your cell phone, fax, home phone or any mobile device to the CT Alert EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, you **must** visit the www.ctalert.gov website. The sign up is easy **but necessary** so you can be notified in the event of any emergency that affects our State.

Public Safety Commissioner James Thomas, Homeland Security Commissioner Peter Boynton, State Police Colonel Thomas Davoren, Ct Police Chiefs Association President Police Chief Lisa Maruzo-Buldec, Fire Chief Heather Burford, Public Health Operations Chief-E.M.S. Coordinator Leonard Guercia, and local And state government officials strongly encourage Connecticut residents To register so in an emergency you can be informed.

All contact information will only be used for emergency purposes, will be kept strictly confidential and will not be provided to any vendor or third-party organization.