

Martha's Vineyard Emergency Managers Association

Press Release

Dukes County & the Towns of Martha's Vineyard Island to Test the CodeRED Community Notification System

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Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury & West Tisbury.

The Martha's Vineyard Emergency Notification System, CodeRED, will be tested during the week of June 25th to validate telephone numbers in island's database. Here's what you need to know:

- **There is no need to take action if you receive the call.** Emergency personnel are merely testing the system to ensure it is operational as needed, and to encourage additional residents to enroll to receive future notifications.
- **This process helps us continually improve the system.** Testing increases the efficiency of the system and speed at which notifications will be delivered during an actual emergency.
- **Visit our website to update contact information.** If your phone number is not in the database, you will not receive a call when we do launch an important notification.

"Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit our website and update their contact information, in particular those individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number," according to Alex Schaeffer, Edgartown Emergency Manager and current MVEMA President.

"The more residents who actively add or update their contact information in the emergency database, the better able we are to protect people and property," Tim Carroll, Chilmark Emergency Manger. He encourages people that spend time outdoors or that are concerned with sudden severe weather to enroll in the Automated CodeRED Weather Warning opt-in feature, "this would alert you to tornadoes, lighting, and other severe weather changes."

The CodeRED system allows Island officials to effectively reach residents and personnel by using the system's capabilities to send telephone calls, text messages, emails and social media posts to inform residents and better protect life and property.

- The Martha's Vineyard Emergency Managers urge citizens and visitors to **visit the CodeRed website**, <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/978F92D50FBE>, or click on the CodeRED logo found on the official web sites of the six island towns and Dukes County.

 CodeRED

Questions regarding this system test should be directed to your town Emergency Manger. Please do not call the Dukes County Sheriff's Communication Center or 911.

The Martha's Vineyard Emergency Mangers Association will be **staffing a call center at the Oak Bluffs Fire Station on June 25th 10 am – 4 pm 508-693-5380 for your questions** and to assist with your registration.

