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County to Test CodeRED Alert System

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Nov. 16, 2012 – The Calvert County Department of Public Safety will conduct a targeted test of the CodeRED alert system at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21. The test is being conducted to improve and enhance the county’s emergency response systems.

The test will specifically target nursing and assisted living centers, schools and day care centers from Prince Frederick to the southern end of Calvert County that are within a 10-mile radius of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant.

Establishments within the test area that have signed up for CodeRED alerts will receive either a text message, email or phone message, according to the choices they made when they signed up for the service. The message will say:

“The Calvert County Division of Emergency Management is conducting a test of the Mass Notification System for Calvert County. In the event of an actual emergency your facility would be alerted promptly. Repeating, this is only a test; no action is required on your part.”

The CodeRED emergency notification system enables public safety officials to directly contact Calvert County residents in the event of emergency situations such as bank robberies, dangerous persons, missing children and water/sewer service disruptions.

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The Calvert County Department of Public Safety urges county residents to sign up for the service by providing home telephone numbers, physical street addresses, cell phone numbers and email addresses. Those who previously signed up for CodeRED notifications can update their information at any time. Businesses may also register for the free service.

The Department of Public Safety reminds residents that CodeRED call notifications may include up to a five-second delay before messages begin. In the event of a call, residents should not hang up until the message has played. Citizens with caller ID will see the CodeRED phone number listed as 410-535-1600.

To register for the free CodeRED emergency notification system or to update contact information with text message and/or email addresses, go to www.co.cal.md.us and click on the CodeRED Emergency Notification System link. More information on emergency preparedness, visit online at www.co.cal.md.us/government/departments/safety/ or call 410-535-1600, ext 2638.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.