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Stay Informed with Calvert County ALERT Citizen Notification System *Residents Can Select Methods for Receiving Alerts on a Variety of Subjects*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 6, 2013 – As the region heads into winter and the promise of rough weather, be prepared by signing up for Calvert County ALERT, a notification system that can alert citizens and businesses about emergency and non-emergency situations.

Calvert County ALERT allows county agencies to communicate with thousands of residents, businesses and visitors within minutes of an emergency. The system can send notifications about severe weather, evacuations, law enforcement actions, missing persons and water and sewer messages. Alerts can be sent using a variety of contact methods, including cell phone, home phone, work phone with an extension, email, text messaging, fax, pager and TDD/TTY. More than one of each type of device can be registered – two or more cell phones, two email addresses, etc. – ensuring users receive life-saving emergency information and important public service messages in minutes.

Once registered, you can customize your profile to choose only the types of alerts you wish to receive. For weather alerts you can choose the times you wish to receive them, though tornado warnings will be sent at any time if you select them in your profile. You can add multiple locations to receive alert information for home, work, a child's daycare, elderly relative or other specific county addresses. You can change your profile or opt out of the system at any time.

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The system allows the county to target specific geographic areas for alerts or send alerts countywide. It can also gather information on citizens with special needs who may need additional help in an emergency.

Sign up by visiting the county website at www.co.cal.md.us and clicking on the Emergency Alerts link. Those without Internet access can call 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, to sign up.

To learn more about emergency preparedness, visit the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, online at www.co.cal.md.us

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