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Douglas County Now Approved to Access the Integrated Public Alert Warning System

Minden, NV –Douglas County Emergency Management, and 911 Emergency Services as the lead, in cooperation with the Nevada Quad Counties (Storey, Lyon, Carson City and Douglas) has received Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval and credentials to access the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).

The Quad County Emergency Managers work in close collaboration to ensure the safety and resiliency of our communities. The iPAWS system is a major improvement to our public alerting and warning capabilities, in addition to our local Community Notification system, we can now alert and warn the public through commercial television and radio broadcasts, along with the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) program. The WEA does not require any sign-up or registration, it's already active on your smartphone. This enables local emergency officials to send warning messages to those either directly or potential directly impacted by an incident, such as wildland fire, flood or missing children through Amber Alerts.

This increased capability will ensure that we can maximize our life and property saving warnings to residents and visitors in our region. These warning messages are only used for **major events** and not routine messaging. In addition to the IPAWS, Douglas County also provides alerts through a Reverse 9-1-1 system. This enables us to tailor the hazard area to the addresses involved instead of a larger area. We would like those with cell phones to still register their cell phone to their address through Reverse 9-1-1 so we can get other alerts to them.

Visit <https://DouglasCounty.onthealert.com> for information on this system and to register your cell phone.

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