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Calvert County Department of Public Safety Urges Residents to Sign Up for CodeRED *Emergency Notification System Sends Messages Via Phone, Email and Text Message*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – August 22, 2011 – Today's communications tools help residents stay connected regardless of where they may be. In emergency situations, this ability can be critical in ensuring public safety. The Calvert County Department of Public Safety urges all county residents to sign up for CodeRED, the county's emergency notification system that allows residents to receive urgent messages by telephone, email and text message.

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. The Calvert County Department of Public Safety urges county residents to sign up for the service by providing home telephone numbers, 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.

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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. For more information, contact the Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management at 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 approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.