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SIGN UP FOR SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS THROUGH THE FULTON COUNTY NOTIFY ME SYSTEM

December 9th, 2016 (WAUSEON, OH) Want to stay informed of severe weather alerts this winter season? Fulton County offers a free severe weather alert system through their website that sends email or text messages to subscribers when there are severe weather events. Through the "Notify Me" tab on the front page of the county website, subscribers can sign up to receive their choice of an email or text message on severe weather alerts sent out by the dispatchers in the 911 Operations Center.

"When there is a Watch or Warning issued from the National Weather Service in North Webster, Indiana, our dispatchers push that information out through the County Notify Me system," states Rich Kilgour, Fulton County 911 Coordinator. "We will also send Snow Level information out through this system as well. Many times, our subscribers are receiving the Level information before it actually hits news media."

The Notify Me system offers more than just severe weather alerts. Many county agencies and departments also have alerts so that subscribers can receive information on newsletters, important messages and upcoming events. "The Sheriff's Office Alert and the Severe Weather Alert are our most popular alerts. Besides the severe weather information that goes out, other important messages such as crime stoppers, missing person alerts, road closures and scam warnings are sent via Notify Me," states Toni Schindler, Director of Marketing and Communications for the Fulton County Commissioners.

Schindler notes that there are several other ways to stay connected. Fulton County launched an App in the Summer of 2016. "The App allows for our mobile users to receive the same push notifications available through the website to our App. It's just another tool for our citizens to stay informed and be prepared." The App can be downloaded for free in both the iPhone and Android App stores. Additionally, several county agencies have Facebook and Twitter pages. The Sheriff's Department, Emergency Management Agency, Health Department and Fulton County have active Facebook pages and Fulton County and the Health Department operate active Twitter pages. "All of our partner agencies are continuing to work together to share messaging through our Social Media pages to reach as many people as possible during severe weather events or emergencies."

The "Notify Me" tab can be assessed on homepage of the website at www.fultoncountyoh.com or through the Fulton County, OH App under the Notify Me Tab.

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