



**OFFICE OF  
SHERIFF, CUSTER COUNTY**  
702 Rosita Avenue, Westcliffe, Co. 81252  
Phone (719)783-2270 Fax (719) 783-9085



SHANNON K. BYERLY  
SHERIFF

CHRISTOPHER R. BARR  
UNDERSHERIFF

March 21, 2019

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**County of Custer – CodeRED/IPAWS County-Wide Test planned for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.**

CUSTER COUNTY, CO March 21st – In an event of an emergency, Custer County officials issue alerts through CodeRED, a high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system allows messages to be quickly delivered to targeted areas of the county, or to Custer County as a whole.

On **Monday, April 22nd**, The Custer County Office of Emergency Management and the Custer County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a performance test of the system at **10 am**, contacting everyone in Custer County who is currently in the emergency database. Receiving a test message will assure that residents will receive a message when an actual alert is issued by Custer County officials. Residents who have not enrolled to receive emergency CodeRED notifications are encouraged to visit the county website homepage and click the CodeRED logo to enroll, at <http://www.custercountygov.com/>.

No one should automatically assume that Custer County emergency officials have your contact information. You must sign up with CodeRed to receive alerts. You may find these at <http://www.custercountygov.com/>. " Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers and email addresses can be entered as well. Additionally, refrain from using road names when registering, where county road numbers are also assigned. Using road names such as Willow Lane or Macey Lace, in place of CR 141 or CR 129, for example.

Custer County will also be testing the IPAWS alert in addition to CodeRed on the **22nd**. This is a geo-targeted alert that provides messaging to the public through radio, television, cell phones and National Weather Radios for those who may be in the area but not signed up with the local CodeRed application. This is to ensure that anyone in the area will receive the emergency notifications on large scales. We still highly recommend that residents of Custer County sign up with the CodeRed application in order to receive alerts that are specific to one area and not county wide or large scale.

Like any technology, internet outages, and landline or cell service failures during an actual emergency can create system failures during an incident.

Any questions should be directed to the Custer County Office of Emergency Management, 719-783-2410 or by emailing [ccoem@custercountygov.com](mailto:ccoem@custercountygov.com). CCOEM will be at the April 6<sup>th</sup> Health Fair from 7:00 am to noon, to answer questions and assist anyone with sign-up at that time.