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CITY OF ANN ARBOR TO TEST “CODE RED” EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM ON MARCH 9

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — March 3, 2010 — The City of Ann Arbor will be testing its CodeRED Emergency Notification System on Tuesday, March 9 at 12 noon by calling all emergency notification CodeRED subscribers. This call will allow Emergency Responders to activate the Code Red system and simulate responses for a community wide disaster.

This test is being coordinated with the City’s monthly siren test, which will take place for one minute beginning at 1 p.m. on March 9. The monthly test is performed March through November on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m.

The Code Red prerecorded message that will be delivered on March 9 will direct residents to the CodeRED link on the City of Ann Arbor’s homepage (www.a2gov.org) to verify their CodeRED subscriber information, add additional contact phone numbers, such as cell or work, and ask phone message recipients to spread the word about CodeRED Emergency Notification System sign-up information to friends, family and neighbors.

Sgt. Ed Dreslinski, City of Ann Arbor Emergency Manager, said, “All individuals and businesses should take the time to visit the city’s website and sign up for free CodeRED emergency notifications by adding contact information, such as cell phone numbers and e-mail or text addresses. If your contact information is not in the database, then you would not receive a call if an urgent message from the city is sent.”

In particular, businesses should register for this free service, as well as individuals who have unlisted phone numbers; who have changed their phone number recently; who use a cell phone exclusively; or who have VoIP phones (such as Vonage) as their primary phone number.

Citizens without internet access can call (734) 794-6980 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to sign up for CodeRED emergency notifications from the city. Required information includes a street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes) for location purposes and a primary phone number.

CodeRED subscriber information will remain confidential and will only be used to notify citizens of critical situations. This information will not be sold or provided to third parties.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, learn, work, thrive and visit (www.a2gov.org/news). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates (www.a2gov.org), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook (www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor). The city’s mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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