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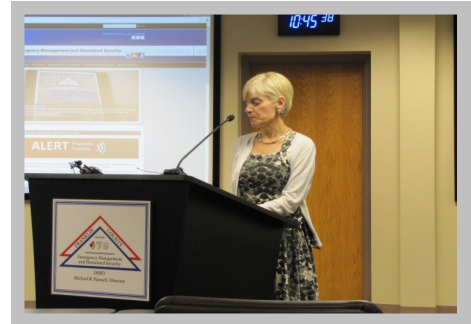
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ALERT Franklin County Mass Notification and Warning System

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Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security launched ALERT Franklin County, a new county-wide mass notification and warning system on July 29, 2015. The state-of-the-art system will be used to alert residents about emergencies and other important community news in all 42 jurisdictions within Franklin County.

Marilyn Brown, President of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners participates in the launch of ALERT Franklin County.

ALERT Franklin County allows residents to choose what kind of community notifications they want to receive, how they would like to receive them and the location they want to receive them for. Text message is the fastest way to receive messages. Residents can elect to receive emergency notifications about severe weather and disasters as well as location specific information regarding crime alerts, road closures, utility outages, government closings and other important community news.

Sign up today online at www.alertfranklincounty.org, which can also be found on www.fcemhs.org or any Franklin County local jurisdiction's website.

Clear Channel Outdoor has graciously donated digital billboard messaging to encourage residents to sign up for ALERT Franklin County. Digital billboards across the county will display the message below to help promote the new system.



FCEM&HS Director Michael R. Pannell & Executive Committee Chairman Fire Chief Jeff Young following the roll out of ALERT Franklin County.

WARNING YOU WHEN IT MATTERS MOST!



National Preparedness Month / National PrepareAthon Day

September is National Preparedness Month! This year's theme is Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today. It reminds residents to take action now and to develop a plan with their community, family, and pets. Plan how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters which can affect Franklin County. FCEM&HS also encourages everyone to participate in America's PrepareAthon and National PrepareAthon Day on September 30, 2015. The program is designed to make individuals more aware of which disasters could happen in their community, know what to do to be safe and how to take action to increase their preparedness. To participate, simply register at www.ready.gov/prepare. By joining America's Prepareathon!, participants commit to taking one concrete step to prepare for a hazard Franklin County may face.

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