

**10. EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICE  
CHRIS HIGGS, CODE-RED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

You may recall that our FY 2010 Building Fund budget included funding for an emergency notification system. I'm pleased to report that we've recently out-sourced the service through Code-Red Emergency Communications Network (Ormond Beach, Florida) and the notification service is now up and running. Code-Red already had a strong Virginia presence serving the Counties of Culpeper, Page, Giles, Alleghany, Buckingham, Prince George, Rappahannock, Bath, Mathews, Halifax, Madison, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, and Cumberland as well as the Cities of Hopewell, Manassas, Radford and Covington.

The Code-Red system gives Southampton County the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification messages to residents county-wide, or in smaller geographically-defined areas, depending upon the nature of the message. Messages might be related to missing children/persons, hazardous material releases or flood evacuation notices, hurricane sheltering information, road closures, wildfires, floods, hostage situations, natural gas leaks, water/sewer system outages, or any other emergency incident where rapid notification is essential.

All residences and businesses within the County that have a land-line telephone are automatically enrolled to receive the free emergency/informational alerts. In addition, county residents may go on-line and sign up to have the emergency alerts sent to their cell phones as either a voice or text message. Finally, also by going on-line, county residents may sign up to receive notification of alerts from the National Weather Service for tornado, flash flood and severe thunderstorm warnings that have been issued for their specific area – the weather alerts may be sent to one's home phone, cell phone, or both. The link to sign up for cell phone notification and the severe weather alerts is featured on our homepage at [www.southamptoncounty.org](http://www.southamptoncounty.org).

Mr. Chris Higgs with Code-Red Communications will attend your meeting and share a brief presentation and answer any questions that you may have.

**NO ACTION REQUIRED**