

PRESS RELEASE

Coos County Sheriff's Office

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Narrative:

The Coos County Sheriff's Office and Coos County Commissioners are pleased to announce the public rollout of Everbridge, a community notification system designed to rapidly alert the public in case of an emergency. What this means, is that a simple message such as, "Accident at MP17 Hwy 42, avoid this area," can be sent from the dispatchers desktop to a large group of customers seamlessly through cell phones and email. Depending on the speed of the connection, Everbridge can send out 1000 short messages in less than 5 minutes.

Recent events such as the Chetco Bar and Eagle Creek fires in Oregon have highlighted a need for this service with evacuations to residents sometimes being done door to door by emergency responders and volunteers.

If the Sheriff's Office knows of an emergency, they can draw a polygon on a map of the affected area, and send out the notification. It can also be used to send out non-emergency messages, such as "Burning is now allowed, burn season has been lifted." Customers can sign up for what type of notifications they wish to receive.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8Bo3wCq5OI> is a link to a short video by Everbridge, explaining how the notifications work and what they look like.

The below link is for signup. You can sign up for multiple locations, for example, if an elderly relative lives here, and you want to be able to receive notifications about their area, you would sign up under their address and give your cell phone, home phone or email to receive the alert.

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736724057>

Information can be found also on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/myccso/>

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