



## Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

### Media Release From:

Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

10 Court St, Delaware, Ohio 43015

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**DATE:** May 4, 2016

**CONTACT:** Sandy Mackey, Public Information Officer

**OFFICE:** 740-833-2183 **MOBILE:** 740-362-6283

Delaware County, Ohio

Effective May 22, CodeRED Weather Warning will cease to be operational in Delaware County. CodeRED Weather Warning alerts those signed up to receive severe weather alerts.

CodeRED Community Notifications will remain in effect for those who have signed-up to receive them. Community notifications allow registered persons, businesses and commercially available landline numbers to be notified by Delaware County public safety agencies in the event of emergency situations. Examples include: evacuation notices, law enforcement actions, boil alert notices and missing child reports.

The Delaware County Emergency Management Agency encourages the use of multiple means to receive emergency communications and weather alerts:

- [NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards](#) (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- [Wireless Emergency Alerts](#) (WEA) are emergency messages sent by authorized government alerting authorities through your mobile carrier. Government partners include local and state public safety agencies, FEMA, the FCC, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Weather Service. No signup is required! Alerts are sent automatically to WEA-capable phones during an emergency.

---more---



## Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

- [Emergency Alert System](#) (EAS) is used by alerting authorities to send warnings via broadcast, cable, satellite, and wireline communications pathways.
- [Text alerts](#) from reliable sources to receive emergency communications are another way to receive information. A few good examples include: Emergency Management Agency, local television or radio, police and fire departments.
- [Outdoor Warning Sirens](#) are another great way to know if severe weather is imminent. These sirens are designed to be heard outdoors. They are activated for tornado warnings in Delaware County and are not targeted to a certain area. If you hear a siren, you should seek shelter immediately.
- [Social Media](#) is another alternative for alerts. However, be aware of who is disseminating information. *A/ways* rely on a reliable source.

Delaware County has recently started a Twitter & Text alert system for severe weather warnings. You can follow [@delcoemawx](#) on Twitter to receive the same alerts the EMA and some partner agencies receive. Another option is to “fast follow” @delcoemawx on your phone to receive the same warnings via text message. To receive alerts send “follow @delcoemawx” to 40404. This is a free service. However, standard texting rates apply. These alerts are for Delaware County only.

Visit [Delaware County EMA](#) on the web at [www.delcoema.org/](http://www.delcoema.org/) to view [preparedness information](#).

We encourage anyone with questions regarding CodeRED or how to receive alerts in Delaware County to contact the Delaware County EMA at 740.833.2180.

###