



# *Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office*

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## **Sheriff Urges Citizens to Sign-Up for the Emergency Notification System**

In a time, when citizens are receiving news updates from various electronic sources, the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office has upgraded its emergency notification system (commonly referred to as Reverse 911) that allows for both verbal and written notification. Emergency notifications (i.e. calling for an evacuation) will still be in voice message form or TTY for the hearing impaired sent to either a landline or a cell phone to those residing in the affected geographic area as determined by the incident commander (i.e. fire or law enforcement). However, the affected citizens can elect to receive emergency notifications in text or e-mail form as well. In addition, citizens can receive non-emergency notifications (i.e. road closing) in e-mail or text message form.

Because the upgraded system is web-based, it allows us to send urgent notifications on a mass scale more efficiently. This upgrade serves as a complement to the Emergency Alert System, which utilizes the television and radio to communicate an urgent message during a large scale emergency event.

Citizens interested in receiving alert notifications in various forms can sign up through the Self-Registration Portal at <https://tuscarawascountysheriff.onthealert.com> or by using the link on the Sheriff's website at <http://sheriff.co.tuscarawas.oh.us>. Citizens can provide their cell, VoIP and/or phone numbers (published or unpublished) and e-mail addresses along with their personal preferences indicating the types of notification (emergency and non-emergency) they want to receive. *Please note: Citizens will still continue to receive emergency notifications through their landline telephones even if they do not register. However, those without landlines should strongly consider signing up for emergency notifications.*

Any citizen wishing to sign up for the notification can come to the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Our office is located at 2295 Reiser Avenue, SE in New Philadelphia. Citizens should come to the front lobby and ask for assistance. If you have any questions, please contact us at 330-339-2000 for further assistance.