

Resolution 2012-019

**RESOLUTION
OF
THE OURAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Re: Ouray County Emergency Notifications

WHEREAS, the West Homeland Security Region including Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray and San Miguel Counties, the City of Montrose, the Town of Olathe, the Town of Nucla, the Town of Naturita, the City of Delta, the Town of Lake City, the City of Gunnison, the Town of Crested Butte, the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, the Town of Ridgway, the City of Ouray, the Town of Norwood, the Town of Telluride, and the Town of Mountain Village have seen a significant increase in the use of cell phones by residents and businesses in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 60 percent of all homes now use cell phones or internet-based phones as the primary form of communication instead of land line phones; and

WHEREAS, early notifications of residents during an emergency significantly reduces the likelihood of injuries or loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the West Homeland Security Region and Ouray County utilize a Company now known as "Twenty First Century Communications" to provide our primary citizen warning system called Emergency Notification or Target Notification; and

WHEREAS, Ouray County additionally utilizes a limited notification system known as WENS (Wireless Emergency Notification System) for advisory information; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide efficient and effective warning systems, our West Homeland Security Region, Ouray County Emergency Management, and both Ouray County and Montrose County 911 Boards are recommending that all cell phone and internet-based phone users in the six county region be encouraged to register those phones with the Twenty First Century Communications Alert System.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO, that the Ouray County Board of County Commissioners authorizes their full support in the efforts of the above groups to encourage residents using cell phones or internet-based phones to register their phones with the Twenty First Century Communications Alert System for the purpose of receiving notification in the event of community emergencies. In addition, for advisory information in Ouray County, we also encourage registration with WENS. Both Systems can be accessed for registration through the Ouray County website at www.ouraycountyco.gov or www.westregion.org.

Adopted this 12th day of JUNE, 2012.

Voting for: Commissioners Fedel and Padgett
Voting against: None
Absent: Commissioner Albritton



Michelle Nauer
Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

- ABSENT -
Heidi M. Albritton, Chair
F. Mike Fedel
F. Mike Fedel, Vice-Chair
Lynn M. Padgett
Lynn M. Padgett, Commissioner