



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY

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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department has updated the Public Safety Reverse 9-1-1 system that will provide citizens of Kootenai County the ability to receive emergency messages through cell phones, and email. Citizens who only have traditional phones do not need to register as the reverse 9-1-1 technology will identify phone numbers in the area of the incident. Citizens will have the convenience of registering for the service online and choosing to be notified of Amber Alerts, school lock downs or receiving any mass notification alerts.

Traditional phone users will receive voice messages only, while cell phone users will have the ability to choose between voice and text messaging. The Sheriff's Department encourages citizens to select text messaging as this service is more efficient and allows primary voice calls to still be made. Each citizen will have the ability to register two phone lines; this can be in any combination of traditional phone and cell or two cell numbers. Additionally the State of Idaho has a similar system in which citizens can be notified of weather alerts or public safety incidents ongoing in the state.

To register please use the following internet links: Kootenai County's Emergency Notification System Citizen Registration <http://173.245.69.72/KCWebSignup/wsudesc.html> or go to the Kootenai County Sheriff's Home Page at <http://www.kcsheriff.com/index.html> and select the citizen mass notification banner.

Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security can be accessed at: Idaho State Alert Warning System (ISAWS) <https://mystateusa.com/alertSignup.aspx?region=670>

Questions or the need for assistance should be directed to the 9-1-1 Director Brad Coughenour @ (208) 446-1850 Monday – Friday during business hours.

Sheriff Rocky Watson  
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