

Jackson County Emergency Management Announces *RAVE* Alert to Keep Community Informed During Emergency Situations

Public Safety Officials Encourage Residents to Sign Up For Local Emergency Notifications To Be Better Prepared for an Emergency

Jackson County, State, 7/1/2021 – Public safety officials in Jackson County are excited to announce that RAVE is now available to all residents. RAVE is a free service that allows individuals to sign up for notifications sent from state and local authorities. RAVE keeps residents and travelers informed on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic and other emergencies.

“RAVE enables authorities to notify the community in real time,” said Lyn Medinger, Jackson County Emergency Management, Coordinator “This service allows for critical communication with the public and provides individuals with the information needed to stay safe or take precautions during hazardous or emergency situations.”

RAVE enables residents and travelers to Jackson County to sign up for free at <https://www.getrave.com/login/JacksonCountyIowaAlerts> to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message. They can also identify when and how they are alerted and communicated with before, during, and after emergencies.

Jackson County residents and travelers can also download the Smart911 app to sign up for Rave to receive key information needed in an emergency. The Smart911 app provides enhanced functionality by sending targeted alerts based on the user’s location. Smart911 app users will receive the highest priority National Weather Service alerts including tornado warnings, flash flood warnings, and severe thunderstorm warnings based on their real-time location. Download the Smart911 App on the Apple Store or Google Play or by texting “Smart911” to 67283.

“Community members will receive notifications that will improve safety in our city and help inform residents of potentially lifesaving actions they may need to take in an emergency,” said Lyn Medinger, Coordinator. “The information sent out by Rave through emergency notifications allows both residents and first responders to be better informed in an emergency situation.”

“When authorities have information about a situation, such as storm or emergency, they can be more effective in providing information to the public and appropriate assistance,” said Lyn Medinger. “We encourage all members of our community and their families’ sign up for Rave in order to be prepared should an emergency occur.”

Rave is trusted by thousands of institutions including state and local authorities, business and educational institution. Rave sends millions of messages daily and performs flawlessly in critical situations such as severe weather.

Community members are encouraged to sign up for Rave and input their information and notification preferences today at <https://www.getrave.com/login/JacksonCountyIowaAlerts> or in the Smart911 app.

***We encourage all individuals to reregister in RAVE or Smart911 app. WENS data was trasnfered, however we found some data to be invalid.**