

FLOOD WARNINGS AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The ability to safely evacuate residents during a disaster depends on strong disaster preparedness planning and requires the cooperation of all affected citizens. Evacuations require the establishment of emergency shelters during disasters for evacuees, and, significant coordination among City departments during disasters is critical in order to maintain essential City services.

The City of Copperas Cove utilizes CodeRED Community Notification for emergency notifications. CodeRED works with most landline traditional telephones automatically. Citizens with cellular phones, Voice over IP phones such as Vonage, Magic Jack, Roadrunner and the like may register to receive telephone calls, text messages and emails from the CodeRED system.

Citizens may register for the CodeRED Community Notification network at www.copperascovetx.gov/codered. There is no cost for enrolling into this service and this is not a telemarketing service.

Important warning information may be obtained directly by calling the City's Fire Department at (254) 547-2514 or visiting www.copperascovetx.gov. NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts current local weather information, watches, warnings, and forecasts 24 hours a day, and can be monitored on 162.400 mhz.

During periods of heavy rainfall, The City of Copperas Cove's street drainage crew is on 24-hour call and inspects roadways to monitor flooding. City crews use barricades to close roads that are inundated with water and to discourage traffic from driving through these areas. The City also uses real-time rain and stream gauge monitoring systems to assist in determining road closures.

If flooding is imminent and evacuation of the City is advised, The City of Copperas Cove will notify you through local media outlets.

The City receives information from NOAA Weather Station Radio broadcasts weather information 24 hours a day, and from the National Weather Service offices in Texas. The City's Fire Department manages local Emergency Management, evacuation notices, procedures and shelters and can be reached by calling (254)547-2514.