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# PRESS RELEASE

## CodeRED Emergency Notification System Coming to East Texas

**Kilgore, TX, December 16, 2009:** ETCOG has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution for East Texas. The CodeRED system, funded by a Homeland Security grant, provides city and county officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire city or county.

The CodeRED system will be set up by Emergency Communications Network in each of ETCOG's 14 counties, as well as the largest city in each county. Each jurisdiction will build a telephone number database to which emergency notifications will be deployed in the event of a crisis or incident. This will allow for a 15-30 second automated phone call to inform residents of how to respond to a crisis such as evacuation notifications or when to take shelter.

CodeRED system setup is projected to begin in January. For more information, contact ETCOG's Homeland Security Coordinator, Donetta Murphy, at 903.984.8641 x283 or Donetta.Murphy@etcog.org.

### **About ETCOG**

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.