



# B-WARN!

Alert and Warning System

**Berrien County Sheriff's Office**

Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division

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## SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

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Click on "Divisions", then "Emergency Management"

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B-Warn! is a service you may sign up for to get emergency alerts delivered by phone, text message, pager, fax, and/or email.

If an emergency action is recommended, like evacuation or sheltering, emergency services can use B-WARN! to send alerts to people signed up near the incident.

## TYPES OF ALERTS

### Berrien County Alerts

- 911 Outage
- Boil Water Advisory
- County Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- Missing and Endangered Persons Alerts
- Updates during a State of Emergency
- B-WARN! Tests (1st Sat/Month 1PM)

### Weather Alerts

- Wind
- Flood
- Marine
- Winter
- Severe Storms
- Wild Fire
- Tropical
- Non-Precipitation

## About B-WARN!

B-Warn! is an “Opt-In” notification service that allows us to alert you during an emergency. You may subscribe to automated notifications you would like to receive based on locations you enter.

This system is not a news system. We do not deliver messages based upon our day-to-day operations. If an emergency incident is occurring, we may send out press notices and releases that are specific to that incident, but in general; this system is not designated as a system to report arrest information or other information that is not directly connected to public safety of significant concern.

## Delivery Methods



Text Message  
Cell Call  
Pager



Fax  
Email



Work Phone  
Home Phone

## How It Works

When we issue a notification about a public safety concern, an official message will be sent via the voice or text communication methods that you have entered during registration.

When the system determines it has contacted you and delivered the message, you will not be contacted by any subsequent methods regarding that particular notification. If the system determines it has not delivered the message, it will continue to attempt to reach you at all of the contact methods that you have registered.

Messages are delivered based upon locations that emergency officials request the message to be sent to. If it is a County-Wide emergency, the message will be sent County-Wide. If it is a localized emergency, the area in which the message is delivered will be smaller.

## Locations



Home  
Families Home  
Vacation Home



School  
Daycare



Work  
Job Sites

Any Location in Berrien County you want to enter!

## System Testing

The B-WARN System is tested in conjunction with the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Warning Sirens on the First Saturday of each month at about 1PM.

You may opt-out of receiving these tests during registration. We urge those who can participate in the tests to do so. It helps give us (and you) peace of mind to know that it is working properly. It also gets you used to knowing what messages will sound and look like so you don't mistake them for telemarketers or other "robo-calls"

## Additional Features

- You can set quiet hours
- Additional Needs Registry
  - Need help evacuating
  - Identify specific medical accommodations
  - Planning for pet evacuation
  - Help Farms/Ag during emergencies
  - Volunteer Identification

To sign up, visit [www.bcsheriff.org](http://www.bcsheriff.org) and look for the Emergency Management Division. Additional information is available on the webpage.