

## Gates Mills Fire Department

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## IT'S TIME TO UPDATE!

You might remember that in last month's article I mention that we would be sending a **CODE RED** message to our residents to coincide with the Statewide Tornado Drill. The **CODE RED** system allows Village Officials to send emergency notifications via telephone, cell phone, text message, and email to anyone that signs up through the village website at www.gatesmillsvillage.com.

We conducted the **CODE RED** test on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the system performed perfectly. One <u>important</u> thing we learned was that many of the email messages sent to alert our residents were returned as undeliverable! Which is why I'm asking you to update your contact information with the Village of Gates Mills and the **CODE RED** program.

Having current contact information for our residents allows Village Officials such as the Mayor, Police Chief, Service Director, and Fire Chief the ability to alert you of emergencies such as; road closures, severe weather, power outages, flooding, or even a missing child or adult. After you finish reading this article please go to the village website and click on the CODE RED link, or contact Town Hall at 440-423-4405 and speak with a Police and Town Hall Coordinator (Charlene or Dorothy) if you need assistance.

**CODE RED** is a voluntary program and as such, <u>only emergency information</u> is sent out. You will never receive advertisements, sales pitches, or "junk" mail/messages. Your contact information is not shared with any other person or group.

SAFETY TIP! Please make sure that your address is posted (and easy to read) at the street. All emergency services Fire, EMS and Police use these numbers to quickly respond when you need us. Thanks!

Until the next Pink Sheet...

Chief P. Thomas Robinson