

AlertPA available to public

Department of Corrections Secretary Jeffrey A. Beard is reminding members of the public who live near state correctional facilities to register for the AlertPA Emergency Notification System.

AlertPA, enacted in 2009, can quickly provide residents with important information in the event of a prison emergency by text, e-mail and voice messaging.



Subscribers can choose the means by which they wish to be notified.

"AlertPA enhances the department's present automated telephone system and prison sirens and whistles by adding text, e-mail and voice message capabilities," Beard said.

The information offered through AlertPA can help residents who register for the information to make informed decisions during emergency situations. Individuals can register for AlertPA by visiting www.pa.gov and clicking on "Alerts & Advisories."

"We hope that citizens who do not have Internet access and who still want to receive notifications of prison emergencies will contact us and let us enter their information into the AlertPA system for them," Beard said. "This is important to set up now, because in the future, we are looking to replace the current automated telephone system with AlertPA."

Anyone without Internet access should contact the nearest state correctional institution's critical incident manager and provide name and phone number. In Greene County, the critical incident manager at SCI-Greene is Lt. Barefoot. He can be reached by calling the prison at 724-852-2902.

"We want to ensure that everyone who wants to be notified of a prison emergency will be notified in a timely manner - regardless of what system we may use," Beard concluded.

Also visit: <https://alert.pa.gov/>