

# “EMERGENCY ALERT BUDDY” SYSTEM

## Member-to-Member Assistance:

- Emergency Alert Buddy (supplement to CodeRED)

## Purpose of an Emergency Alert Buddy:

- To quickly communicate and ensure participating neighbors are aware of a Nevada County CodeRED Emergency Alert (“Prepare to Evacuate,” or “Immediate Mandatory Evacuation”).
- Completely voluntary buddy system (member-to-member assistance).
- Mutually agreed upon by each participating neighbor.
- No one participating is a professional First Responder. *If you have a medical emergency, call 911.*

## Why have an Emergency Alert Buddy?

- Your CELL PHONE may be the only form of quick communication if the power is out and your phone system (cell and/or landline) needs electricity or the internet to work.
- “Cross-Pollinate” phone carriers and visibility in neighborhood.
  - During a fire, a cell phone tower (from ATT, Verizon, Sprint, T-Mobile, etc.) could be down.
  - One neighbor may see a fire down the street while the other neighbor can’t.

## How it Works:

- Establish 2 – 3 “Emergency Alert Buddies” who agree to be mutually responsible for contacting each other.
- If possible, choose your neighborhood’s Alert Buddies who have:
  - 1) A landline that works if the power is out.
  - 2) Different cell phone carriers.
  - 3) Consider a buddy that lives on the other end of the street. One home may see a fire, while the other one can’t.
  - 4) Consider a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> buddy that lives in another part of Lake Wildwood. Neighbors who live on Wildwood Drive were alerted by honking horns. Others did not hear the horns during the last evacuation.
- During High Fire Season, keep your cell phone nearby, charged and ON. Have a back-up battery for when the power goes out.
- When you receive CodeRED Emergency Alert (text or call from 1-866-419-5000):
  - Call your Emergency Alert Buddy to inform them of the Alert.
  - If they don’t answer and you have time, knock on their door until they answer it. Inform them of the Alert.
  - Ask your buddy if they need assistance in getting out of their home or need a ride.
  - Follow Evacuation Routes recommended by Sheriff/Fire Department.

**If you have time, HONK YOUR CAR HORN (or an Air Horn) DRIVING THE STREET TO WAKE UP OTHER NEIGHBORS –  
So they can review their CodeRED Alerts too.**

**For More Information or To Schedule a Presentation to your Group or Neighborhood (or Train the Trainer Session),  
Contact Virginia Gompertz 925-250-6848 [virginia@bellaombra.com](mailto:virginia@bellaombra.com)**

**Emergency Alert Buddies – Sign up with each other:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Land Line Phone Number</b> (can be used when power is out)	<b>Cell Phone (with area code)</b>	<b>Phone Carrier</b> (ATT, Verizon, Sprint, T-Mobile, Etc).

**NOTES:**