



## **Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

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### ***NEWS RELEASE***

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#### **Chatham Emergency Management Agency Utilizes New Text Message Alerting System**

**Chatham County, GA (August 27, 2018)** – Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) has a new text message alerting system to inform citizens of severe weather (including advisories, watches, warnings and special weather statements), major road closures, and other emergency events in Chatham County. The reason for the new alert system is due to Twitter recently changing their consent policies, causing their fast follow text message feature to no longer be supported.

Beginning today, citizens can sign up for CEMA alerts using the Community Notification System. To sign up, residents should visit, [ChathamEmergency.org](http://ChathamEmergency.org), and click on the text message icon to find the Swift911 Portal where they can create an account or log in. From there, citizens can choose to receive alerts through cell phone text messages and/or email. Additionally, household members may be added to an account to receive alerts.

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