

***NEW* Community Notification System**

At the May 3rd, 2016 Select Board Meeting a new policy was adopted detailing the notification system the Town will utilize to notify the community of public safety type issues. The notification policy can be found posted on the Town's Website under Public Records and Documents, then Select Board Policies.

Our local administrators have been tasked with informing our community about this new system and encouraging as many community members as possible to enroll. We are utilizing VT-Alert, www.vtalert.gov, and encourage as many community members as possible to enroll in this notification system. Visit the above website to enroll or explore commonly asked questions in the FAQs area.

This is a totally voluntary process by Williston residents to enroll as a subscriber and receive notifications about a number of different issues based upon the subscriber's preferences. Notifications can be about everything available or limited to individual things like press releases, weather alerts, traffic problems or other transportation issues, etc. If you enroll, you also elect how you would like to be notified, options include phone calls, text messages, pager, or emails. Subscribers enter their address as the system is location based and by default you get alerts for your specific area. Subscribers can also elect to be notified about other areas in the state if they so choose.

Most of us are aware of the VT-Alert system as it is the same system we see on our TV's and hear on our radios from time to time. The Vermont Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security manage this system and have opened it up for municipalities to use as well for localized issues of public safety concern.

Your town officials will utilize this system to notify the community about issues they believe affect the public's safety. This will not be used as a general messaging system. We want our community to be assured that if a message goes out, it is something of importance.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the police department;

Police Chief, Todd Shepard at todd.shepard@vermont.gov or 764-1152