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**SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES COUNTY-WIDE ALERT SYSTEM
TO NOTIFY RESIDENTS OF MAJOR EMERGENCIES**

The Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will become one of the first agencies in the region to partner with FEMA for emergency notifications.

WHO: Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris, Director Brenda Jones, Millington Police Chief Christopher Stokes, and Arlington Fire Chief Jim Harvill
WHAT: IPAWS Media Briefing
WHEN: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 20, 2022
WHERE: Shelby County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, 1075 Mullins Station Road, Building C, Room C-113, Memphis, TN 38134

Shelby County, TN – On Tuesday, December 20, 2022, the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will announce a county-wide alert system for Shelby County residents. The agency is partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to notify county residents of major emergencies using their national system, Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, referred to simply as IPAWS.

In the event of a major emergency, location-specific mobile notifications will go to impacted residents. Director Brenda Jones will provide information on how the mass communication system works and on how the agency will serve as a resource to public safety agencies in the event of a major emergency.

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