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Oakland Co. Implements Text Alerts Alerts Are Free To Community

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ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. -- In keeping up with the times, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office has implemented an e-mail and text message system to alert community members of emergencies.

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The system, called Community Alerts, sends mobile messages about crime, road closures, missing persons and hazardous situations to those who sign up for them on the [county's Web site](#).

"Almost everybody is tethered to the phone, especially young people," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard. "We can send them a text message, that, God forbid, may save their life."

The alerts are free from the county, but standard mobile carriers charges for e-mail and text messages apply.

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