



## News Release

### SCRD Launches New Emergency Alert System

Sechelt, BC—December 6, 2021—The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is pleased to announce the launch of a new emergency alert system for the Region.

Voyent Alert! allows residents, businesses and visitors to receive messages through an app, text message, voice call or email for critical and emergency events such as earthquakes, fires and flooding events.

“Enhancing our communications with this new alert system allows the public to select various ways to receive direct and timely information from the SCR D,” says Matt Treit, Manager of Protective Services. “These last few weeks have shown us the importance of keeping our community informed on emergency incidents. Moving forward, this system will supplement current communications tools used to notify residents of events such as boil water advisories, evacuation alerts and evacuation orders.”

So how does it work? Voyent Alert! allows the SCR D to send alerts based on the locations where the community has chosen to receive them. A user can subscribe to receive alerts for multiple locations including home, school and work. Information included in the alert sent to users can include maps, images, messages and web links to better assist the community prepare and respond to emergency situations.

“We strongly encourage our community to take some time this week and sign up for this alert system,” says Treit. “Signing up for alerts along with having an emergency kit and plan, is the key to better preparing ourselves and our families for emergencies.”

SCR D staff are available to assist with registration by calling 604-885-6887 or emailing [emergency.program@scrd.ca](mailto:emergency.program@scrd.ca)

Learn more about the new system at [www.scrd.ca/alert-system](http://www.scrd.ca/alert-system), where you can view the registration tutorial video and frequently asked questions information.

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