INTERACTIVE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

The Jackson County REVERSE 911 (R911) system is a computer-based program that can send emergency messages using a combination of database and Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping technologies. The system can quickly target a precise geographic area and saturate it with thousands of calls. Reverse 911 offers a variety of options that allow Jackson County Officials to custom build an outbound session that will telephonically distribute information throughout the County.

REVERSE 911 can be used for many situations to include:

§ **Emergency Evacuations**

§ **Natural Disaster Alerts**

§ **Missing Persons**

§ **Hazardous Material Leaks**

§ **Crime Prevention Information**

§ **Neighborhood Emergency Situations**

§ **Homeland Security Alerts**

The REVERSE 911 system utilizes a computer database that should already include all of the published and non-published landline telephone numbers in this County. Jackson County residents who have recently obtained a new telephone number, or changed their old one, should register that number. Jackson County residents who would rather receive emergency notifications on their cellular telephones, and those telephones are continuously monitored, may register that number instead of their home phone or business telephone number. All other should not need to register. For purposes of speedy notifications, only one telephone number per address will be used in the database.

For further information about registering your telephone number you may call Joy Parker at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (361) 782-3541 during regular business hours.

Jackson County residents may register on line at jcso.onthealert.com and follow the proper links to submit their application on line.