

## **News from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders**

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# **Free E-Mail Bulletins, Wireless Alerts for Road Closings & Hazardous Weather**

Following a couple of recent close calls with heavy local flooding, the Somerset County Board of Freeholders wants to remind residents that they can get free e-mail updates about potential weather emergencies and about county-owned road and bridge closings.

Go to [www.co.somerset.nj.us](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us), click on "E-mail subscriptions" from the homepage and go to the Sign Up Now link. After entering your email address, go to Emergency Announcements on the QuickSubscribe page and select either Emergency Information & Weather Alerts or Road Closings/Construction announcements. Or, you can check the Emergency Announcements box and receive email bulletins to all of the items in that category.

The Emergency Information & Weather Alerts item is for anyone who wants to receive flood-related county road and bridge closings and other weather-related announcements, such as flood watches and warnings. The Road Closings item is for non-emergency county road and bridge closings due to construction projects. Both include an option to receive wireless text alerts also.

"This free e-mail service is part of Somerset County's overall emergency preparedness program," said Freeholder Director Peter S. Palmer. "We learned during Hurricane Floyd that people rely heavily on the Internet, in addition to media reports, to stay informed during an emergency."

Since the county launched its free GovDelivery<sup>®</sup> email-subscription service in January 2003, more than 10,500 people have signed up to receive e-mail updates to over 80 subscribable Somerset County documents, including agendas, minutes, press releases, newsletters, bid notices, foreclosure sales and many others.

There are almost 3,000 subscribers to Emergency Information & Weather Alerts and close to 2,400 subscribers to Road Closings/Construction Announcements. All subscriber e-mail addresses are kept confidential.

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### **LINKS:**

**Emergency Information & Weather Alerts** [*flood-related, etc.*]

[http://service.govdelivery.com/service/document.html?code=NJSOMER\\_42](http://service.govdelivery.com/service/document.html?code=NJSOMER_42)

**Road Closings/Construction Announcements** [*non-emergency*]

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