

Morton County Issues Public Alert Regarding CodeRED Data Breach

Morton County is alerting residents to a global cyberattack that compromised CodeRED, an emergency alert platform previously used by the county. According to OnSolve, the former alerting vendor, the breach resulted from a coordinated criminal intrusion that accessed some subscriber information associated with CodeRED alert profiles. The data potentially affected includes names, mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and passwords used to create CodeRED accounts. No highly sensitive personal information, such as social security numbers or financial data, was stored in the system. Morton County is working with the vendor, state partners, and cybersecurity experts to fully assess the incident. At this time, there is no evidence that any compromised data has been published or misused.

The county had already begun transitioning away from CodeRED to the Hyper-Reach notification system and will now move forward with that platform effective immediately. Morton County has received a partial registration database from CodeRED and is working to upload this information into Hyper-Reach as quickly as possible. Individuals whose data is included in this transfer will receive a message confirming their registration, along with instructions for reviewing or updating their contact information. Residents who do not receive this message will still need to register manually. All residents are encouraged to sign up for Hyper-Reach now. Submitting your information twice will not result in duplicate alerts, and early registration ensures you receive critical safety notifications.

Residents should also ensure Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) are enabled on their mobile phones. On most devices, this can be done by opening Settings, selecting Notifications or Emergency Alerts, and confirming that Wireless Emergency Alerts are turned on. WEAs ensure that National Weather Service warnings and other urgent emergency messages can reach you even if local systems are disrupted. How residents can stay informed and protected:

- Sign up for Hyper-Reach: Visit www.mortonnd.gov/hyperreach to register. You can also call or text "Alert" to 701-498-1770. Emergency Management staff are available to help with registration if needed.
- Enable Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) on your mobile device.

- Review and update passwords: If you used the same password for CodeRED on other websites or sensitive accounts, change them immediately to protect those accounts.
- Stay connected through multiple channels: NOAA Weather Radio, local news outlets, and official county social media.

"Keeping our community safe is our top priority," said Patrick Martin, Director of Morton County Emergency Management. "We are working quickly to ensure all residents continue receiving timely emergency alerts and are available to help anyone with questions or registration."

For questions or assistance with registration, residents may contact Morton County Emergency Management at 701-667-3307 or visit www.mortonnd.gov/hyperreach.

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with the aesthetics and reenactors, park staff believe it will serve as a perfect way to get people into the holiday spirit. More important than the festivities themselves, however, is what they represent: forging bonds with others, in the hopes that meeting others will bring some much-needed warmth to the cold season.

"Holiday events are important here because people seek meaningful connections with both nature and history year-round," said Glant, "even in the colder months. Events like Victorian Christmas give visitors an extra reason to get outside, explore the park, and engage with the cultural and historical resources we steward. These seasonal programs also help boost park visitation outside of the busier summer months. Whether it's a visitor's first trip or their hundredth, we want them to discover something new and create memorable experiences every time they're here."

Through Victorian Christmas, staff aim to make sure that visitors get a better understanding of Christmas throughout the ages, and the sacrifices made during this time by people who once called the fort home. Knowing that joy can be felt regardless of one's situation is a hallmark of the holiday season, and a message the park hopes every attendee will take with them.

"My biggest hope is that visitors will leave with a deeper under-

standing that the people who lived here more than 150 years ago were not so different from us," said Glant. "They celebrated Christmas with many of the same traditions we recognize today. Military officers, soldiers, civilians, children, laundresses, and Native American scouts who comprised Fort Abraham Lincoln all had hopes, values, and everyday concerns, universal things that connect us across generations. If visitors walk away feeling that sense of human connection to the past while having fun doing it, then we've succeeded."

This year's Victorian Christmas is set to take place from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6- but it isn't the only event that will help ring in the holiday season, as the annual Light the Blockhouse event is scheduled for Sunday, December 14. A daily or annual pass is still required to attend both events, and tickets are available on location.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

In the Matter of the Application of: Savannah Lee Huerd
On behalf of the minor child:
Annalise Grace Wiedow
Violet Ann-Louise Wiedow
TO: Lance Daniel Wiedow, last known address:
201 1st Ave NE, Apt 12, Mandan, North Dakota 58554
Please take notice that an Application for a Name Change has been filed in Minnesota District Court. A hearing on this application is scheduled for:
Date: December 23, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Via Zoom
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petitioner, Savannah Lee Huerd, has filed a Petition in the District Court of Pennington County, Minnesota, requesting a change of name for Minor Children
The Petition will be heard by the Court via Zoom on December 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. Any person objecting to this name change must appear at the hearing or file a written objection with the court before that time.

Savannah Lee Huerd
Petitioner

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