



**Town of Webster  
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**"Improving the Quality of Life"**

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**To: All Media Outlets**

**From: Webster Police Department**

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**RE: New Community Alert and Anonymous Tip System**

The Webster Police Department is launching the second generation of our Community Notification System, a new interactive way to keep the community connected and informed through opt-in e-mail, text message and web published public safety alerts. The new initiative will also enable the public to report suspicious activities easily through the tip411 anonymous text messaging code.

Interested persons can sign up for the Community Notification System for free via a dedicated webpage link on the Police Department website, [www.websterpolice.com](http://www.websterpolice.com). Through this site, Webster Police Department will provide information to help maintain and improve community safety.

We encourage all residents and all current subscribers to the Nixle Alert System to sign up for this new service as we have phased out the use of the Nixle system.

Subscribers can sign up to receive alerts from the Police Department via e-mail or as a text message to a cell phone.

The other component of this new technology is the tip411 program, which will enable the public to submit anonymous tips to the Police Department via text messaging. While this is not a replacement for dialing 911 in an emergency, this technology will allow interested persons to communicate potentially helpful information.

The tipster simply texts **WPD01570** and their message/tip to 847411 (tip411). When police receive the message, they can respond to the tipster who will continue to remain anonymous. The Webster Police Department has no way to access the identity of the individual reporting the information. Citizens may also submit anonymous web tips through the system. It's 100% anonymous. CitizenObserver's technology removes all identifying information before the Police Department see's it so there's no way to identify the sender.

All of our community alert notifications will also be simultaneously published to our department website, department Facebook page, and department Twitter page.

For more information, to sign up to receive alerts, or to submit an anonymous web alert visit our website, [www.websterpolice.com](http://www.websterpolice.com).

**About CitizenObserver**

CitizenObserver, a St. Paul, MN company founded in 2000, provides web based alerting tools to law enforcement, education, and public safety agencies in over 40 states.

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