

To the Executive Board of the Stony Creek Association:

I've queried Fire Chief Tom Mahoney and the Branford IT Director, Debi Caron, regarding an upgrade to Branford's existing emergency alert system B-Informed that would allow Stony Creek residents to opt in to receive alerts that are specific to both our village flooding issues , and, hopefully, extreme weather events.

Here is the Fire Chief's response:

"Dear Mr Shaw,

Our Community Alerts/b-informed platform is up and running.

I can manually enter the contact information for the Islander whose address is unrecognized by the system. I would need their name, address, preferred username, password and all contact preferences such as home phone, cell and email.

I've asked Debi Caron to create a manual sign up form on the b-informed page to allow people to sign up when a particular address is unrecognized.

IPAWS is managed by the state through the federal government and can be activated locally with a request to the state via local Emergency Management.

I am building an alert group in Everbridge (b-informed) for the Stony Creek area to alert residents when flooding is expected. The b-informed system may also be activated by authorized users in the field when appropriate. We do not use the Everbridge system for anything but emergency notifications.

We will soon have an Emergency Management Facebook and Twitter page that will be used for information, reminders, resources and notifications.

I would be happy to meet with the association at any time to discuss your concerns and look forward to working with you to keep Branford safe, prepared and resilient.

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Respectfully submitted,
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