

SEX OFFENDER ALERT SYSTEM

TO: Members of the Jamesville-DeWitt Community

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RE: Notification Regarding Registered Sex Offenders

Since 2003, school districts have been informed about registered sex offenders moving into their attendance areas. Districts then made information available to staff and parents. The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has now streamlined the flow of information, making it easier and faster for the community to have access to information concerning sex offenders.

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) now offers an alert system regarding level 2 and 3 registered sex offenders. This system allows you to sign up to receive free alerts via email, text message or fax whenever a Level 2 or Level 3 sex offender listed on the DCJS website moves into or out of a community or location of interest to you. You can register with NY-Alert at the following website:

<http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/nyalert.htm>.

Once you go to this web site, you will be instructed on how to register for this service.

In an effort to make the exchange of sex offender information more timely and efficient, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office will no longer send email notifications to school districts. This will be effective November 1, 2011. Once you sign up for NY-Alert, you will be notified immediately of offenders moving into or out of your area. This immediate notification will eliminate any delay in receiving information about an offender. With this new direct notification system in place, the district will no longer provide communication concerning sex offenders to parents. I would recommend you take advantage of this alert system and register at the website above.

Information regarding level 1, 2 and 3 offenders can be obtained by calling the NYS Sex Offender Registry at **1-800-262-3257**. Additional information regarding level 2 and 3 offenders may be accessed via the Internet at: **criminaljustice.state.ny.us**.