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COUNTY IMPLEMENTS SMART911 MOBILE APP TO ENHANCE RESPONSE TIMES

Since more than 85% of 911 calls are made from smart phones, Somerset County 911 Communications implemented a Smart911 system for mobile users that will help save critical time during emergency



DISTRIBUTION OF COVID RELIEF FUNDING TO HELP LOCAL SCHOOLS

At their Dec. 8 regular meeting, the Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized the allocation of over \$500,000 from the county's federal CARES Act funds to help offset coronavirus-related expenses incurred



VIRTUAL JOB EVENTS WILL BE HELD DEC. 15 & JAN. 5

Following the success of three previous virtual job fairs, Amazon and the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB) have planned two more virtual job fairs on Dec. 15 and Jan. 5.

situations. Once residents register with Smart911, the app will automatically give 911 call takers more accurate information about the location of the emergency. Residents also can create a Safety Profile with vital information about family members, medical issues and even how friendly your pets will be when first responders arrive on the scene. The Safety Profile is free, private and secure. To find out more, visit www.smart911.com or [read our press release](#).

by local school districts. All requests for funding will be submitted to the State of New Jersey for final approval.

Signed into law in March, the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocates federal funding to states, counties and municipalities to help alleviate economic damages caused by COVID-19.

The registration deadlines are Dec. 13 and Jan. 3. [Click here to register on Eventbrite](#).

According to Amazon, there are more than 2,000 new full- and part-time jobs available paying \$15 an hour or more.



Somerset County Hope and Healing Program

Your mental health is important. If the coronavirus is causing you to feel anxious or overwhelmed, contact Somerset County Hope and Healing services at **908-231-6414**. The program is available at no cost for people who live or work in Somerset County. This Crisis Counseling Program is offered by Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. It is funded through FEMA/SAMHSA.



[Rental Relief Funding Still Available for Those Impacted by COVID](#)

If you are having difficulty making your rental payments due to job loss or other issues related to COVID-19, Somerset County has funding available that can help.



[COVID Testing at RVCC on Dec. 16, 23 & 30](#)

[County Office of Emergency Management Supports 'Register Ready'](#)

Somerset County's Office of Emergency Management supports the New Jersey "Register Ready" system – a special needs registry for vulnerable residents to use as a safety resource during a disaster or other emergency.



Experts agree the best way of managing a crisis is to be proactive and have a plan. Residents with disabilities and others who have special needs can better prepare for an emergency by signing up for Register Ready. Through this safety resource, emergency response teams have access to each registrant's specific health and safety needs as well as their location.



["Grab & Go" Curbside Lunch Program](#)

County-operated Senior Wellness Centers closed, eligible participants age 60 or older can order and pick up boxed lunches and frozen meals.

[Virtual Senior Wellness Center Programs Available for December](#)



[Freeholder Meetings Livestreamed](#)

Catch the Board of Freeholders' [twice-monthly work sessions and regular meetings](#) as they happen by visiting the [livestreaming page](#) on the county website. You can also access archived meetings.



[Somerset County Library System](#)

There's lots to see and do now that the Somerset County Library System is open. <https://sclsnj.org/>



[Somerset County Park Commission](#)

Somerset County parks are open for residents during the COVID, with social distancing, of course. Enjoy the beautiful weather during this first weekend of fall with expected temperatures in the 80s!

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