Communications in an Emergency

Emergency Alert System (EAS)

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Receiving Communications in an Emergency

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) is a national public warning system commonly used by state and local authorities to deliver important emergency information, such as weather and AMBER alerts, to affected communities over television and radio. EAS participants – radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers, and wireline video providers – deliver state and local alerts on a voluntary basis, but they are required to deliver Presidential alerts, which enable the President to address the public during a national emergency.

FEMA and the FCC work collaboratively to maintain the EAS and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), which are the two main components of the national public warning system. Authorized federal, state, and local authorities create the alerts that are transmitted through the system. FEMA is responsible for any national-level activation and tests of the EAS.
For more information on WEA visit:
https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/emergency_alert_system_eas.pdf

For more information on the outdoor warning siren system, receiving emergency communications or severe weather preparedness, visit the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DCOHSEM) on the web at www.delcoema.org Like us on social media @delcoema or contact DCOHSEM by telephone at (740)833-2180.