

**EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM
PLANS AND PROCEDURES**

For

LARIMER / WELD COUNTIES

OPERATIONAL AREA TWO

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LOCAL AREA TWO
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FOR LARIMER AND WELD COUNTIES

I. INTRODUCTION

This Plan provides specific procedures for the broadcast and cable media to disseminate emergency information to the general public in the Larimer/Weld County Operation Area (also known as Local Area Two) or any portion thereof at the request of designated local, state, and federal officials. This local EAS Plan may be activated on a day-to-day basis in response to such emergencies as tornadoes, power outages, floods, heavy snows, or any occurrence which poses a danger to life or property.

Participation in this Plan shall not be deemed as a relinquishment of program control, and shall not be deemed to prohibit a broadcast licensee from exercising independent discretion and responsibility in any given situation. FCC rules and regulations provide each broadcast station guidance and regulation in exercising discretion regarding information and instructions to the public. Stations that originate EAS communications shall understand that they have conferred rebroadcast authority. This is done in accordance with the Colorado State Emergency Alert System Plan.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Plan is to provide procedures agreed upon by the broadcast industry, local area government and participating agencies which will permit the dissemination of emergency information and instruction during potential or actual emergencies.

III. AUTHORITY

All mandated participants in the Emergency Alert System must have the capability to conduct activations and tests. All voluntary participants may have the capability to conduct activations and tests. Activations and tests may only be done by designated officials in accordance with the local and state plan. Typically, the designated officials will be broadcasters, cablecasters, emergency management offices and public safety officials representing their jurisdictional authority and the National Weather Service. The priority for activations and tests are first - national level messages, second - local area messages, third - state messages and fourth - National Information Center (NIC) messages.

- A. Part 73, Subpart G, Federal Communication Commission Rules and Regulations.
- B. FEMA Civil Preparedness Guide 1-40, 1-41.
- C. Title 47, CFR Part 11, EAS, as amended.

IV. EAS STATIONS: LOCAL AREA 2

Per FCC Rule 47 CFR, 11.52(d), all broadcast stations and subject cable systems must monitor 2 EAS sources assigned in accordance with the monitoring priorities in the EAS Operating Handbook. The following are the Primary Monitoring Sources, LP-1 and LP-2:

LP-1 KUNC-FM (91.5 FM)

Station Contact: Personnel on duty
Telephone: 970-378-2579
On Air Hours: 24 hours
Frequency: 91.5 MHz

LP-2 KPAW-FM (107.9 FM)

Station Contact: Personnel on duty
Telephone: 970-416-2560
On Air Hours: 24 hours
Frequency: 107.9 MHz

ADDITIONAL MONITORING SOURCES:

National Weather Service

Contact: Larry Mooney
Telephone: 303-494-4454; 303-494-4479, or 800-287-2498
On Air Hours: 24 hours
Frequency: 162.475 MHz - Front Range; Ft. Collins - 162.450 MHz
162.400 MHz - Greeley-Sterling

KOA - AM

Contact: Personnel on duty
Telephone: 303-713-8500
On Air Hours: 24 hours
Frequency: 850 KHz

V. EAS PROCEDURES

A. LOCAL GUIDELINES

Currently in Larimer County there are four Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) and one in Weld County. In EAS Region Two, also known as “Larimer/Weld”, there shall be two primary encoder-decoders: one in the dispatch center for the Weld County Sheriff’s Office in Greeley and one in the communications center (Comm Center) for the Larimer County Sheriff’s Department. The encoder for the

Sheriff's Office Dispatch site is, as of this writing, not installed but installation is hoped within a reasonably short time.

Various local law enforcement and fire and rescue units are served by these additional dispatch centers and it shall be the responsibility of all such agencies to initiate procedures and guidelines to be utilized if a request for an EAS broadcast is to be made through their respective PSAP. It shall be the responsibility of the EAS Local Area Two (Larimer/Weld) Committee to assist all such agencies in establishing these guidelines. The committee will, however, require that only certain designated officials shall have the authority to activate the system with a broadcast, e.g., senior/command staff officers of law enforcement and fire agencies, emergency management officers and bona fide representatives from area Emergency Operating Centers. It is therefore essential that internal agency lists of authorized personnel be established and maintained by all emergency responders including law enforcement agencies, fire and rescue departments, volunteer or otherwise, and that these lists be conveyed to their respective dispatch centers.

Since many calls for EAS activation will in all likelihood come from the field, it will be important to convey a chain of command and responsibility for activation. An example could be a call originating with an officer observing a tornado. A supervisor with designated activation authority would relay any EAS activation request to the dispatch center where the slave box would pass on the message to the primary encoder-decoder; thereafter to the public through the LP-1 and LP-2 radio stations as listed in this plan. It is anticipated that the primary encoder-decoders would automatically pass on any messages from outlying slave boxes. However, messages originating from the National Weather Service will be monitored to exclude (in most ordinary circumstances) "watches" as opposed to actual warnings. The Larimer/Weld Committee reserves the right to assess this or any other operating procedure for efficacy at any time and to make changes as it deems appropriate. In general, warnings should be issued with the following criteria in mind:

1. Severity - will aid in reducing loss of life or reducing substantial loss of property.
2. Timing - requires immediate public knowledge to avoid adverse impact.
3. Other means of disseminating information are inadequate to insure rapid delivery of emergency notifications.

In the event of exigent circumstances requiring public notification and in the absence of an ability to utilize the encoders at the Sheriff's Offices of Weld and/or Larimer County, command personnel in the field, with the authority to do so, should ask that emergency EAS messages be passed on to the LP-1 or LP-2 stations for immediate broadcast.

B. PROCEDURES FOR DESIGNATED OFFICIALS

1. Coordinated activation request of EAS by telephone, with local primary source (LP-1), with LP-2 as a backup. Coordination call assumes that disaster/emergency event has reached a stage where EOC activation is in progress and field notifications and actions need to be supplemented by mass public safety information from government entities.
2. Designated officials use the following format when contacting the LP-1 or LP-2 station:

“This is (name/title) of (organization). I am activating the Emergency Alert System for the Larimer/Weld County Operation Area (or section thereof) because of (description of emergency).” (Use Authentication as noted under paragraph VI.

Please stand by to ensure message is received and read it back).

C. PROCEDURES FOR STATION PERSONNEL IF EAS FAILS

1. If LP-1 goes off air or EAS equipment fails, they are to notify the LP-2 and contact the nearest PEP station, KOA - 303/713-8500, and advise them of the situation.
2. The LP-2 station now functions as the LP-1.
3. If, for any reason, the LP-1 station is unable to function as the principal station the LP-2 station will perform this function and monitor 850 AM-KOA Denver, and other local stations will monitor the LP-2 frequency.
4. Upon resumption of normal programming, notations should be made on the station log, and a brief summary may be sent to the FCC for information only. AM stations that may have used their daytime facilities to cover areas that would not have service during night-time hours, must report this fact to the FCC.

D. EAS PROTOCOL

The EAS uses a four part message for an emergency activation of the EAS. The four parts are: Preamble and EAS Header Codes; audio Attention Signal; message; and, Preamble and EAS of **message** (EOM) Codes. The EAS Protocol, including any codes, must not be amended, extended or abridged without FCC authorization.

E. INTERRUPTION OF NORMAL PROGRAMMING

1. A broadcast station or cable system is required to interrupt normal programming either automatically or manually, immediately, when it receives an EAS message in which the header contains the EAN and EAT Event Codes. Although not required, broadcast stations and cable systems are encouraged to give state and local emergencies messages the same level of attention.
2. Automatic interrupt of programming is required when facilities are unattended. Manual interrupt of programming and transmission of EAS messages may be used. EAS messages with the EAN Event Code must be transmitted immediately. Messages with the RMT Event Code must be transmitted within 15 minutes.
3. All actions must be logged or recorded.

F. MESSAGE PRIORITIES

1. A national activation of the EAS for a Presidential message with the EAN Event Code must take priority over any message and preempt if it is in progress.
2. EAS participants should transmit other EAS messages in the following order:
 - a. Local Area Messages
 - b. State Messages
 - c. National Information Center Messages

G. PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

1. All radio and television stations shall transmit EAS messages in the main audio channel. Television stations shall transmit a visual message containing the Originator, Event, Location and the valid time period of an EAS message. If the message is a video crawl it shall be displayed at the top of the screen or where it will not interfere with other visual messages.
2. As the Federal Communications Commission Rules require, cable systems shall transmit EAS messages in the same manner as broadcast television and radio stations. Additionally, cable systems must:
 - a. Provide a video interruption and audio EAS message on all channels. The audio message must state which channel is carrying the visual EAS message.
 - b. Transmit a visual EAS message on at least one channel. The visual message shall contain the Originator, Event, Location and the valid time period of the EAS message. If the message is a video crawl, it shall be displayed at the top of the screen or where it will not interfere with other visual messages.
 - c. Provide a method to alert hearing impaired or deaf subscribers to EAS messages

VI. AUTHENTICATION

- A. All telephone or radio requests will be authenticated.
- B. An "Authentication Code" for phone activation will be given to each agency by the local EAS Committee Chairperson. Please secure this code at a key location at your station.
- C. **EAS ORIGINATOR CODES (ORG):**

Originator codes are include in the message header and indicate who originally initiated the

activation of the EAS. There are only four such codes and are noted as follows:

1. Broadcast Stations or Cable System EAS
2. Civil Authorities CIV
3. National Weather Service WXR
4. Primary Entry Point System PEP

D. EAS EVENT CODES (EEE)

Event codes are included in the message header and indicate the nature of the EAS activation.

1. National Codes:

- a) Emergency Action Notification (Nat'l Only)..... EAN
- b) Emergency Action Termination (Nat'l Only) EAT
- c) National Information Center..... NIC
- d) National Periodic Test..... NPT
- e) Required Monthly Test RMT
- f) Required Weekly Test..... RWT

2. Local Codes:

- a) Administrative Message ADR
- b) Avalanche Warning..... AVW
- c) Avalanche Watch..... AVA
- d) Blizzard Warning..... BZW
- e) Child Abduction Emergency.....CAE
- f) Civil Danger Warning.....CDW
- g) Civil Emergency Message CEM
- h) Dust Storm Warning..... DSW
- i) Earthquake Warning..... EQW
- j) Evacuation Immediate..... EVI
- k) Fire Warning..... FRW
- l) Flash Flood Statement..... FFS
- m) Flash Flood Warning FFW
- n) Flash Flood Watch..... FFA
- o) Flood Statement..... FLS
- p) Flood Warning..... FLW
- q) Flood Watch..... FLA
- r) Hazardous Materials Warning.....HMW
- s) High Wind Warning..... HWW
- t) High Wind Watch HWA
- u) Law Enforcement Warning.....LEW
- v) Local Area Emergency..... LAE
- w) Network Message Notification..... NMN
- x) 911 Telephone Outage Emergency.....TOE
- y) Nuclear Power Plant Warning.....NUW
- z) Practice/Demo Warning DMO
- aa) Radiological Hazard Warning..... RHW

- bb) Severe Thunderstorm Warning..... SVR
- cc) Severe Thunderstorm Watch SVA
- dd) Severe Weather Statement..... SVS
- ee) Shelter in Place Warning..... SPW
- ff) Special Weather Statement..... SPS
- gg) Tornado Warning..... TOR
- hh) Tornado Watch..... TOA
- ii) Winter Storm Warning..... WSW
- jj) Winter Storm Watch..... WSA

E. EAS LOCATION CODES (PSSCCC)

1. The Location Codes indicate the geographic areas affected by the EAS alert. There may be 31 Location Codes in an EAS alert. The Location Codes uses the Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) numbers. Each state is assigned an SS number and each county is assigned a CCC number. P defines county subdivisions.

2. Operation Area Two - Location Codes

- a. Colorado Entire State.....008000
- b. All of Larimer.....008069 (North 208069)
(South 808069)
- c. All of Weld.....008123 (North West 108123)
(West 408123)
(South West 708123)
- d. All of Ft. Collins.....008069
- e. All of Greeley.....008123

F. AUTHENTICATION

1. State or Local area emergency messages are not authenticated with a word list. LP-1 authorized personnel should be familiar with persons who may request activation of the EAS. An EAS message should not be saved unless the originator is absolutely certain as to the validity of the messages, and the identity and authority of the requester.

G. IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. Procedures for Designated officials
 - a. Request activation of the EAS facilities through the LP-1 via phone or other available communications facility.

b. Designated officials should use the following format when contacting the key EAS sources:

“THIS IS (NAME/TITLE) OF (ORGANIZATION). I REQUEST THAT THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM BE ACTIVATED FOR THE (AREA) BECAUSE OF (DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY).”

c. Upon authentication, designated officials and EAS source personnel determine transmission details (e.g., live or recorded, immediate or delayed). Officials should provide emergency program material including a description of the emergency, action being taken by local government, and instructions to the public.

d. Keep line of communication open if necessary and possible.

e. For a unique emergency not involving the entire local area, local authorities may request activation of the EAS be limited to a specific geographic area

2. Procedures for Emergency Management, Dispatch or other LP-1 Broadcast Personnel.

a. Upon receipt of a request to activate the local EAS from appropriate authority (verify authenticity via method described above), the LP-1 may proceed as follows:

1. Broadcast the following announcement:

“WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY. IMPORTANT INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.”

2. Transmit the EAS header codes and Attention Signal.

3. Transmit the following announcement and material:

“WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO ACTIVATE THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR THE (LOCAL AREA) BECAUSE OF A) LOCAL EMERGENCY).”

4. To terminate the EAS message, Make the following announcement:

Transmit EOM

“THIS CONCLUDES EAS PROGRAMMING. ALL

BROADCAST

**STATIONS AND CABLE SYSTEMS MAY NOW RESUME
NORMAL OPERATIONS”.**

3. Procedures for Broadcast and Cable Systems Personnel (EAS Relay LP-2's):
 - a. Messages containing EAN, EAT and RMT Event Codes, along with accompanying location codes within a station or services Area of Responsibility shall be relayed unchanged except for the call-sign of the rebroadcasting station or service.
 - b. Broadcast stations and cable systems monitoring key EAS Sources (LP-1's) via EAS encoder/decoders will be alerted by the header codes and attention signal. Each station and cable system, upon receipt of the signal, will review the message content. Local EAS messages will be released for relay over their system at the discretion of the station management.
 - c. If broadcast personnel believe the audio message lacks quality, clarity or does not properly address the listening or viewing public within the stations Area of Responsibility, at the discretion of station management, the audio message may be replaced. The rebroadcast of modified emergency information is completed as outline above.
 - d. To avoid unnecessary escalation of public confusion, all stations and cable systems must be cautious in providing news and information pertaining to the emergency. All messages must be based on definite and confirmed facts. The public must not be left to decide what is or what is not fact.
 - e. Upon completion of the above transmission procedures, resume normal programming. Appropriate notations should be made in the station and cable system records.

VII. EAS TESTS

A. REQUIRED MONTHLY TESTS (RMT)

Required monthly tests will conform with the procedures in the EAS Operation Handbook and shall include the EAS header codes, Attention Signal, Test Script and EOM code. Federal and State tests will be made at the discretion of those government entities.

1. On random days and times, RMT's in odd numbered month shall occur between 8:30 am and local sunset. Tests in even numbered month shall occur between local sunset and 8:30am and on random days and times.

2. Originator of RMT's will be coordinated between the States Office of Emergency Management, Local (County) Offices of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service per the following figure:

These monthly tests must be transmitted within one hour of receipt by broadcast stations and within 15 minutes of sign on for those stations who received the test while off air, and cable systems in the EAS location when required by the commission. If a daytime station receives an RMT overnight, the station may choose to substitute an RWT in its place, if one has been sent during the current week, or send their own RMT at another time during the current week.

MONTHLY EAS TEST

Audio intro is suggested to explain the test, but is not required:

THIS IS THE REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST OF THE LARIMER/WELD COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

EAS Header: **REQUIRED**

Two Tone Attention Signal: **REQUIRED**

Audio Message:

THIS IS A COORDINATED MONTHLY TEST OF THE BROADCAST STATIONS OF YOUR AREA. EQUIPMENT THAT CAN QUICKLY WARN YOU DURING EMERGENCIES IS BEING TESTED. IF THIS HAD BEEN AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY SUCH AS SEVERE WEATHER OR CIVIL EMERGENCIES THAT MAY OCCUR IN THIS GEOGRAPHIC AREA, OFFICIAL MESSAGES WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED THE ALERT TONE.

THIS STATION SERVES THE LARIMER AND WELD COUNTY AREA. THIS CONCLUDES THE TEST OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

EAS EOM: **REQUIRED**

WEEKLY TEST

Audio intro is suggested: **AUDIO EXPLAINING THE WEEKLY TEST AND THE EAS SYSTEM**

EAS Header: **REQUIRED**

EAS EOM: **REQUIRED**

3. Required monthly tests (RMT): **See Appendix “G”.**

B. REQUIRED WEEKLY TESTS (RWT)

1. Required Weekly Tests will conform with the procedures in the EAS Operating Handbook and shall include the EAS header codes and the EOM Code only.
2. Broadcasters and cable stations are required to conduct Weekly Tests, per FCC rules. Appropriate notations should be made in the station and cable system records.
3. Required Weekly Tests must be conducted at least once per week at random days and times.
4. An RWT is not required during the week that a monthly test is conducted or relayed.

- C. The broadcast station or participating cable system is required to receive and send a test once a week. If no tests are received “during a week”, the station shall investigate the reason for the test’s absence and attempt to correct the problem, insofar as the difficulty is within the control of the broadcaster.

VII. APPENDIXES

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APPENDIX A

**DESIGNATED OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO ACTIVATE
OPERATIONAL AREA EMERGENCY BROADCAST SYSTEM**

LARIMER COUNTYEmergency Manager.....Office: 970-498-5310

Frequency: 154.385 MHz FireNet

On call coordinator can be accessed through Sheriff's Office Dispatch: 970-416-1985

WELD COUNTYEmergency ManagerOffice: 970-304-6540

Frequency: Fire A 153.785 & Fire B 154.145 MHz

Home: call dispatch below
24-hr: 970-356-1212

FORT COLLINS.....Emergency ManagerOffice: 970-416-2861

Home: call dispatch below
24-hr: 970-221-6545

LOVELAND.....Fire Dept./Emerg. MgmtOffice: 970-962-2519

Home: call dispatch below
24 hr.: 970-667-2151

GREELEY.....Emergency Manager.....Office 970-350-9502

Dispatch 970-356-1212

ESTES PARK..... Fire / Police.....Office: 800-287-2498

24 hr.: 970-586-4000

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE..... Office: 303-494-4454

Media: 303-494-4479

Toll Free: 800-287-2498

Ft. Collins-Loveland frequency162.475Mhz

Greeley frequency162.400Mhz

Have your staff check and update these numbers at least semi-annually.

APPENDIX B

MONITORING ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALL RADIO, TELEVISION, CABLE IN OPERATIONAL EAS AREA 2

KUNC 91.5 FM LP-1

1901 56th Avenue, Suite 200
Greeley, CO 80634
970-378-2579 or 970-350-0811
970-378-2580 fax
Contact: Ken Broeffle
Monitors LP-2, KOA, NWS

ken.broeffle@kunc.org

KPAW 107.9 FM LP-2

4270 Byrd Drive
Loveland, CO 80538
970-461-2560
970-461-0118 fax
Contact: Dave Agnew
Monitors LP-1, KOA, NWS, Larimer County EOC

daveagnew@clearchannel.com

**KCOL 600 AM
KIIX 1410 AM
KSME 96.1 FM**

4270 Byrd Drive
Loveland, CO 80538
970-461-2560
970-0118 fax
Contact: Dave Agnew
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

daveagnew@clearchannel.com

KXBG-FM 97.9 FM

4270 Byrd Drive
Loveland, CO 80538
970-461-2560
970-461-0118 fax
Contact: Dave Agnew
Monitors LP-1, KOLZ-FM 100.7 Cheyenne, Cheyenne NWS

daveagnew@clearchannel.com

KUAD-FM 99.1 FM
KTRR 102.5 FM
KMAX-FM 94.3 FM

600 Main Street
Windsor, CO 80550
970-674-2700
970-686-7491 fax

Contact: Matt Schilz
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

matt.schilz@townsquaremedia.com

KKPL 99.9 FM

3201 E. Mulberry, Unit H
Fort Collins, CO 80524
970-492-0999
970-407-0584 fax

Contact: Matt Schilz

matt.schilz@townsquaremedia.com

Monitors LP-1, KOLZ-FM 100.7 Cheyenne WY, Cheyenne NWS

KARS-FM 102.9 FM

3201 E. Mulberry, Unit H
Fort Collins, CO 80524
970-495-1029 or 970-492-0999
970-407-0584 fax

Contact: Matt Schilz

matt.schilz@townsquaremedia.com

Monitors LP-1, KUWR 91.9 Laramie WY, Cheyenne NWS

KFKA 1310 AM

820 – 11th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631
970-356-1310
970-356-1314 fax

Contact: Damon Sasso

Damon@1310KFKA.com

Monitors LP-1, LP-2

KGRE 1450 AM

KOLT 92.9 FM

1020 – 9th Street, Suite 201
Greeley, CO 80631
970-356-1452
970-356-8522 fax

Contact: Ricardo Salazar

kgre@msn.com

Monitors LP-1, LP-2

KHNC 1360 AM

2 S. Parish Ave.
Johnstown, CO 80534
970-587-5175
970-587-5450 fax

Contact: Michael Golden
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

mgrg40@hotmail.com

KJAC 105.5 FM

1901 56th Avenue, Suite 200
Greeley, CO 80634
970-378-2579 or 970-350-0811

Contact: Ken Broeffle
Monitors LP-1, LP-2, KOA, KYGO

ken.broeffle@kunc.org

KSXT 1570 AM

KCKK 1510 AM

1576 W. 1st Street
Loveland, CO 80537
970-612-1570
970-612-0137 fax

Contact: Michael Taylor, Wes Hood
Monitors LP-1, LP-2 KOA, KYGO

sfmtaylor@yahoo.com

KXWA 89.7 FM

1707 N. Main Street
Longmont, CO 80501
303-702-9293
303-485-1929 fax

Contact: Zach Cochran
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

zach@wayfm.com

KJJD 1170 AM

624 N. Main Street
Longmont, CO 80501
303-651-1170
303-651-2224 fax

Contact: Daniel Casas, Jesse Rodriguez
Monitors LP-1, LP-2, KYGO

casas40@yahoo.com

KEPL 1470 AM

184 E. Elkhorn, Unit J
Estes Park, CO 80517
970-586-9555
970-586-9561 fax
Contact: Greg Carner
Monitors LP-1 on 90.9 translator, LP-2, KOA

info@estesparklive.com

KRKY-FM 102.1 FM

184 E. Elkhorn, Unit J
Estes Park, CO 80517
970-586-9555
970-586-9561 fax
Contact: Christie Wellborn
Monitors LP-1 on 90.9 translator, LP-2, KOA

info@estesparklive.com

KREV-LP 104.7 FM

United Methodist Church
1509 Fish Hatchery Road
Estes Park, CO 80517
970-586-4153
970-586-2991 fax
Contact: Barney Treadway
Monitors LP-1 on 90.9 translator, LP-2

krev@bajabb.tv

KJMP 870 AM

1201 – 10th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001
307-638-8921
307-638-8922 fax
Contact: Lisa Kendall or Aaron Ishmael
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

Brenda@1049krrr.com
aishmael@radiowyo.com

KCSU 90.5 FM

Lory Student Center
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO 80523
970-491-7611
970-491-0602 fax
Contact: Peter Waack
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

peter.waack@colostate.edu

KRFC 88.9 FM
613. S. College Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80524
970-221-5075
970-221-5126 fax
Contact: Brian Hughes
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

gm@krfcfm.org

KELS-LP 104.7 FM
2308 – 29th Street
Greeley, CO 80631
970-378-1047 office and fax
Contact: Brett Reese
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

radio@pirate1047.com

KKNZ-LP 101.5 FM
1001-A Harmony Road #129
Fort Collins, CO 80525
970-405-0086
Contact: Kaylynn Duvall
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

kaytrib@hotmail.com

KEZF 88.9 FM
1063 F Big Thompson Canyon Road
Loveland, CO 80537
970-669-9200
Contact: Victor Michael
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

vicmichael@aol.com

KLHV 88.3 FM
Educational Media Foundation – K-Love
610 Garrison Street Suite R
Lakewood, CO 80215
303-205-1234
303-205-8611 fax
Contact: Bob Helms
Monitors LP-1, LP-2

bhelms@emfbroadcasting.com

KFCT-TV CH22 TV

Fox Television Ch 31

100 E. Speer Blvd.

Denver, CO 80203

303-595-3131

303-566-7631 fax

Contact: Rick Wheeler

Monitors LP-1, LP-2, Area 3 KOA, KYGO

rick.wheeler@foxtv.com

KZFC CH36 TV

KMGH-TV Channel 7

123 Speer Blvd

Denver, CO 80203

303-832-7777

303-832-0294 fax

Contact: Rick Craddock

No monitoring requirements for Area 2

rick.craddock@kmgh.com

COMCAST CABLE

1201 University Avenue

Fort Collins, CO 80521

970-419-3108

970-493-4958 fax

Contact: Mike Agnew

Monitors LP-1, KIIIX1410 AM

mike_agnew@cable.comcast.com

COMCAST CABLE

3737 W. 10th Street

Greeley, CO 80631

970-534-1122 office

Contact: Bob McQuitty

Monitors LP-1, KFKA1310 AM

bob.mcquitty@cable.comcast.com

COMCAST CABLE

Loveland – on fiber from Longmont, CO

Is part of Area 3 – Denver. Loveland part of Longmont / Area 3 Denver

720-490-3852

Monitors LP-1, LP-2

U. S. CABLE

111 W. S. 1st Street

Johnstown, CO 80537

970-587-2243

Number for all U.S. Cable head ends in state of Colorado

Contact: Josh Patchett or Josh Slate

jpatchett@co.uscable.com

Monitors LP1, LP-2

BAJA BROADBAND

405 Stanley Avenue

Estes Park, CO 80517

970-577-0199

970-577-7741 fax

Contact: Rod Patterson

rpatterson@bajabb.tv

719-576-7404

Monitors LP-1 on 90.9 translator, LP-2

APPENDIX C

APPROVALS

This Larimer - Weld Operational Area 2 EAS plan was developed and approved by:

The Larimer - Weld Operational Area Emergency Communications Committee.

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APPENDIX D

MAP OF OPERATIONAL AREA 2 EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

FIPS Code for All of Larimer County: 008069

FIPS Code for All of Weld County: 008123

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LARIMER COUNTY FIPS CODE DIVISIONS: Northeastern ½ 208069
Southeastern ½ 808069

WELD COUNTY FIPS CODE DIVISIONS: North West Quad 108123
West Quad 408123
South West Quad 708123

APPENDIX E

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

TERMS

Activation

The initiation of the EAS by transmission of the EAS codes.

ASCII

A standard set of text characters with numerical equivalents.

Attention Signal

Eight seconds of two tones (853 and 960Hz) used as an audio alert.

Audio Frequency Shift Keying (AFSK)

A digital modulation technique that uses two shifting audio frequencies to transmit binary data.

Authenticator Word Lists

A list of words that federal officials send prior to official EAS national activation; used to substantiate the information being sent.

Authorization Letter

The official authorization letter, given by FCC, for a broadcast station to go off the air during a national level activation of the EAS.

Automatic Interruption

The automatic encoding and transmission of EAS codes for preselected events.

Baud Rate

The speed of data transmitted, equal to number of elements sent per second (equal to bits per second if a bit is the element).

Bit Rate

The speed of binary data transmitted, equal to the number of digital bits sent per second.

Certification

An equipment authorization issued by the FCC based on representations and test data submitted by the applicant for equipment designated to be operated without individual license under Parts 15 and 18 of the rules.

Class D FM Station

A station whose output power is 100-watts or less.

Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS)

A service intended to deliver satellite signals directly to consumers using small, relatively inexpensive receive stations.

Decoder (EAS)

An electronic device used by EAS participants to receive EAS alerts and to translate the EAS codes into a visual message.

Decoder (Two-Tone)

An electronic device that alerts operators to the reception of the two-tone signal.

Emergency Action Notification (EAN)

The message for national EAS activation.

Emergency Action Termination (EAT)

The message for national EAS termination.

Encoder (EAS)

An electronic device used by EAS participants to originate EAS alerts by creating the EAS codes for transmission to other participants and the public.

Encoder (Two-Tone)

An electronic device that produces the two-tone signal.

EOM Code

In ASCII from 'NNNN', this burst of data, sent three times signifies the end of an EAS message and EAS activation.

Event Codes

A three character ASCII code in the EAS headers that denotes the type of cause of emergency event.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

One of the three federal agencies that administer EAS.

FIPS Number

A five character ASCII code in the EAS header that represent those counties affected by an EAS activation, as defined by the Federal Information Processing System that assigns each state and territory with their respective counties a five digit number.

Header Code

A signal string of intelligence digital EAS ASCII data that includes the originator, event, location, time period, and other basic information concerning an emergency; three header codes precede the voice warning message.

Julian Calendar

A method of specifying the date by the number of days which have passed since the first day of January in a year.

Key Source

A source which is central to the dissemination of emergency alerts and information, such as an NP, SP, or LP broadcast station or cable system.

Local Primary (LP)

A key source within an EAS local area that is the primary source of EAS programming for that area.

Location Code

An ASCII code in an EAS header that Specifies the location of an emergency utilizing the five character FIPS code of a state and county, and a sixth character to designate nine divisions of a county.

Low Power television (LPTV)

A television signal translator station which also originates programming.

Mapbook

A list of broadcast stations and cable system and their EAS designated delineated by state and local area for use by other stations to determine the best source of EAS monitoring; an FCC generated attachment to every state plan.

Mark Frequency

The audio frequency of AFSK modulation that corresponds to a digital bit of one (1); the mark frequency of EAS codes is 6250/3 Hz, or approximately 2083.33 Hz.

Monitoring Assignment

The off-air broadcast or cable sources of EAS activation's and programming as given in the FCC Mapbook and the state plan.

National Control Point Procedures

Those national EAS procedures used by national networks and program suppliers.

National Information Center (NIC)

A source of official federal government information.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
One of the three federal agencies that participate in EAS.

National Periodic Test (NPT)
Tests of National Primary sources.

National Primary (NP)
A primary source of Presidential or other national EAS activation's and programming, including broadcast stations involved with the PEP system and EAN Networks.

National Weather Service (NWS)
An operation of NOAA that is directly responsible for issuing local weather-related emergency alerts and warnings in addition to day-to-day forecasts and other weather.

NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)
A service of the National weather Service that provides, to a local area, continuous broadcasts of the latest weather information and any weather-related emergency warnings using one of seven VHF radio channels.

Non-participating National (NN)
An EAS source (usually a broadcast station) that has elected not to participate in the National-Level EAS and removes its carrier from the air if a national -level activation occurs.

Operating Handbook
A document issued by the FCC that instructs broadcast stations and cable personnel of the actions they must take during an activation of EAS.

Operator Interruption
The transmission of the EAS activation which has been manually initiated by broadcast station or cable system personnel.

Originate Code
A three ASCII code in an EAS header which denotes the source of an activation.

Participating National (PN)
Broadcast stations, cable systems , or MDS stations which monitor sources of EAS programming and directly feed emergency alerts to the public.

Pre-selected Code
An EAS event which the operator of EAS equipment has chosen to be automatically encoded and retransmitted upon reception.

Primary Entry Point (PEP)
Key broadcast stations throughout the U.S. which together can provide national emergency information in the event that the primary national alerting methods are inoperable.

Protocol

A standard set of guidelines by which digital information is encoded and decoded, including the common code structure, the character set used, the sequence and timing of codes, and modulation technique used for radio transmission.

Program Priorities

The precedence of the information that must be transmitted during an EAS activation, namely national, local, and state activation's in that order.

Radio Broadcast Data System (RBDS)

A defined protocol for data that is transmitted on the 57 KHz subcarrier of FM radio broadcast stations utilized mainly by consumer devices equipped to receive it.

Required Monthly Test (RMT)

A coordinated monthly test of EAS operation involving the full receiving and transmission of EAS codes, Attention Signal, EAS test programming, and EAS EOM codes.

Required Weekly Test (RWT)

An independent weekly test of EAS equipment only involving the decoding and encoding of EAS header codes and EOM codes.

RS-232

A common interface standard which specifies the mechanical connection, electrical signals, and the function of the signals carried across the interface.

Space Frequency

The audio frequency of AFSK modulation that corresponds to a digital bit of zero (0); the space frequency of EAS codes is $6250/4$ Hz, or 1562.5 Hz.

State/Local Plan

A document that details monitoring assignments, actions to be taken in emergency activation's, and other guidance for broadcasters and cable personnel in use of the EAS.

State Primary (SP)

A primary source of EAS state programming which can originate with Governor or designated representative, such as a state's emergency operations officer.

State Relay (SR)

An entity which receives and retransmits EAS activation's in a State Relay Network to assist in bringing a state activation to all EAS local areas of a state.

State Relay Network

A system of facilities used to distribute state EAS activation's and programming across a state.

Subcarrier

An inaudible portion of the broadcast signal that is added to the program signal of the FM or

TV sound and these can include the FM 57 KHz, 67 KHz, 69 KHz, and 92 KHz and the TV Subsidiary Communications Services.

Subsidiary Communications Services

A subcarrier of television and FM stations providing a second audio programming source.

UTC

Coordinated Universal Time, the world-wide common time standard that is issued in EAS headers for time stamp.

Valid Code

An EAS header which has been matched bit-for-bit with one of the two other received headers thereby checked for validity.

WRSAME

Weather Radio Specific Area Message Encoder, a device used by National Weather Services to broadcast WRSAME data on the National Weather Radio for day-to day forecast and weather related emergency announcements.

ACRONYMS

AFSK	Audio Frequency Shift Keying
AM	Amplitude Modulation AP
	Associated Press ASCII
	American Standard Code For Information Interchange
AVA	Avalanche Watch
AVW	Avalanche Warning BPS
	Bits per Second
BZW	Blizzard Warning CATV
	Cable Television
CAA	Comprehensive Cooperative Agreement
CAE	Child Abduction Emergency
CDW	Civil Danger Warning
CEM	Civil Emergency Message
CFR	Code Of Federal Regulations
CIV	Civil Authority
CONELRAD	Control of Electromagnetic Radiation
CPG	Civil Preparedness Guide DBS
	Direct Broadcast Satellite DMO
	Practice/Demo Warning
DSW	Dust Storm Warning EAN
	Emergency Action Notification
EAS	Emergency Alert System
EAT	Emergency Action Termination
EBS	Emergency Broadcast System
EO	Executive Order
EOC	Emergency Operation Center
EOM	End Of Message
EPZ	Emergency Planning Zone
EQW	Earthquake Warning
EVI	Evacuation Immediate
FCC	Federal Communication Commission
FEMA	Federal Emergency management Agency
FFA	Flash Flood Watch
FFS	Flash Flood Statement FFW
	Flash Flood Warning FIPS
	Federal Information Processing Standards
FLA	Flood Watch
FLS	Flood Statement
FLW	Flood Warning
FM	Federal State of Micronesia FM
	Frequency Modulation
FNPRM	Further Notice proposed Rulemaking
FRW	Fire Warning
HMW	Hazardous Materials Warning
HWA	High Wind Watch HWW
	High Wind Warning
Hz	Hertz
LAE	Local Area Emergency
LEW	Law Enforcement Warning

LP Local Primary
 LPTV Low Power Television M&OO
 Memorandum Opinion and Order MDS
 Multipoint Distribution System
 MH..... Marshal Island
 MP Northern Mariana Island NAB
 National Association of Broadcasters
 NAC..... National Advisory Committee
 NAWAS..... National Warning System
 NIC National Information Center NN
 Non-participating National NOAA
 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NOI
 Notice of Inquiry
 NMN..... Network Notification Message NP
 National Primary NPRM
 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
 NPT National Periodic Test
 NWRNOAA..... Weather Radio
 NWS National Weather Service OAECC
 Operational Area Emerg. Communications Committee PEP
 Primary Entry Point PN
 Participating National
 PPA..... Performance Partnership Agreement
 PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network
 R&O Report and Order RBDS
 Radio Broadcast Data System
 RHW..... Radiological Hazard Warning
 RMT Required Monthly Test
 RPU Remote Pickup Unit
 RWT..... Required Weekly Test
 SAME..... Specific Area Message Encoding
 SATCOM..... Satellite Communications
 SBE Society of Broadcast Engineers
 SCTE..... Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers
 SECC..... State Emergency Communications Committee
 SLA..... State and Local Assistance
 SMATV..... Satellite Master Antenna Television
 SMW..... Special Marine Warning
 SP State Primary
 SPW..... Shelter in Place Warning
 SPS..... Special Weather Statement
 SR State Relay
 SVA..... Severe Thunderstorm Watch
 SVR..... Severe Thunderstorm Warning
 SVS..... Severe Thunderstorm Statement
 TOA..... Tornado Watch TOR
 Tornado Warning
 TV..... Television
 UM..... U.S. Minor Outlying Islands
 UPI..... United Press International
 UTC..... Coordinated Universal Time

VHF Very High Frequency
WHCA White House Communications Agency
WRSAME Weather Radio Specific Area Message Encoding
WSA Winter Storm Watch
WSW Winter Storm Warning
WXR National Weather Service

APPENDIX D

A. KEY EAS SOURCES - STATE PRIMARY (SP)

COLORADO OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Address: 9195 East Mineral Avenue Suite #200, Centennial CO 80112

Call Sign: COLO OEM

EAS Area of Responsibility: COLORADO

EAS Originator Code: CIV

EAS Originated Event Codes: ADR, CEM, DMO, EVI, FFS, FLS, RMT, RWT, SPS, SVS

EAS Monitoring Assignment: KOA, KWGN

EAS Relayed Event Codes: ALL CODES

EAS Broadcast (Output): ACOUSTIC COUPLER

Contact: Jack Cobb, CECC Chairman/OEM Communications Officer

Telephone #: 720-852-6600 24 hr: 303-279-8855

Hours of Operation: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Communications Facility: State Emergency Operations Center

B. KEY EAS SOURCES - STATE RELAY (SR)

1. KUNC-FM

Address: 822 7th St., Suite 530, Greeley, CO 80631

EAS Area of Responsibility: OPERATIONAL AREA TWO

EAS Originator Code: EAS

EAS Originated Event Codes: RWT

EAS Monitoring Assignment: KOA, KPAW, NWS 162.4, NPR, WELD CO FIRE B

EAS Relayed Event Codes: ALL CODES EXCEPT RWT

EAS Broadcast (Output):

Contact: Larry Selzle at 970-350-0811 day, 970-353-9548 or 970-381-0658 night

Telephone #: 970-378-2579; fax 970-378-2580

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours

Communications Facility: FM Radio Station

2. KPAW

Address: 4270 Byrd Drive, Loveland, CO 80538

EAS Area of Responsibility: OPERATIONAL AREA

TWO EAS Originator Code: EAS

EAS Originated Event Codes: RWT

EAS Monitoring Assignment: KOA, KUNC, NWS 162.450, LARIMER CO.

FIRENET EAS Relayed Event Code: ALL CODES EXCEPT RWT

EAS Broadcast

(Output): Contact: Dave

Agnew

Telephone #: 970-461-2560 day, 970-566-3146 night, 970-416-0118 fax

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours

Communication Facility: FM Radio Station

3. LARIMER COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Address: 2501 Midpoint Dr., Ft. Collins, CO 80525

Call Sign: "900"

EAS Area of Responsibility: OPERATIONAL TWO

EAS Originator Code: CIV

EAS Originated Event Codes: ADR, CEM, DMO, EVI, FFS, RWT, SPS, SVS

EAS Monitoring Assignment: KUNC, KPAW, NWS

EAS Relayed Event Codes: ALL CODES EXCEPT RWT

EAS Broadcast (Output):

Contact: Erik Nilsson

Telephone #: 970-498-5310 24 Hour: 970-416-1985

Hours of Operation: Contact is 24 hrs.

Communications Facility: County EOC

4. WELD COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Address: 1950 O St., Greeley, CO 80631

EAS Area of Responsibility: OPERATIONAL AREA TWO

EAS Originator Code: CIV

EAS Originated Event Codes: ADR, CEM, DMO, EVI, RWT, SPS, SVS

EAS Monitoring Assignment: KUNC, KPAW, NWS

EAS Relayed Event Code: ALL CODES EXCEPT RWT

EAS Broadcast (Output):

Contact: Roy Rudisill

Telephone #: 970-356-4015 Ext 3990, 24 Hour: 970-356-1212

Hours of Operation: Contact is 24 hrs.

Communications Facility: County EOC

5. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Address: 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80305

Call Sign: "KDEN/NWS"

EAS Area of Responsibility: OPERATIONAL AREAS ONE, TWO & THREE

EAS Originator Code: NWS PUB

EAS Originated Event Codes: ADR, BZW, DMO, FFS, FFW, FFA, FLS, FLW, HWW, HWA, RMT, SPS, SVR, SVA, SVS, TOR, TOA, WSW, WSA

EAS Monitoring Assignment: KOA, KYGO

EAS Relayed Event Code: EAN, EAT, RMT-STATE ONLY

EAS Broadcast (Output): WXM-92 FT. COLLINS 162.450 - FRONT RANGE

WXM-50 GREELEY 162.400 - FRONT RANGE & NE COLORADO

WXM-51 MEAD/LONGMONT - 162.475 - FRONT RANGE

Contact: Larry Mooney or Bob Glancy

Telephone #: 303-494-4454 main, 303-494-4479 media, 303-494-2884 admin, 800-287-2498 severe weather line

Hours of Operation: 24 hrs.

Communications Facility: National Weather Service Forecast Office

APPENDIX G

Monthly Test Schedule

<u>Emergency Alert System - - Required Monthly Test Schedule for Broadcasters</u>		
MONTH	8:30 a.m. TO SUNSET	SUNSET TO 8:30 a.m.
JANUARY	9 th - 1436	
FEBRUARY		15 th - 1900
MARCH	26 th - 1345 Statewide Test	
APRIL		14 th - 2100
MAY	8 th - 1136	
JUNE		4 th - 0445 Statewide Test
JULY	18 th - 1322	
AUGUST		15 th - 2100
SEPTEMBER	17 th - 0945 Statewide Test	
OCTOBER		10 th - 1900
NOVEMBER	23 rd - 1004	
DECEMBER		11 th - 0245 Statewide Test

APPENDIX H

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