

**Missouri State EAS Plan – Kansas City**

*The following document is provided as guidance in developing a Local Level EAS plan. It is based on the FCC EAS Rules and Operational elements of the EAS structure. EAS Local Area Plans are reviewed by the FCC for conformance to the EAS Rules and agreement with National Level EAS Operations.*

**EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)  
PROCEDURES FOR THE**

**Kansas City**

**EAS LOCAL AREA**

*As amended July 13, 2004*

Kansas City EAS Local Area  
INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES

**IN MISSOURI**

<u>County</u>	<u>FIPS</u>
Bates	029013
Benton	029015
Carroll	029033
Cass	029037
Clay	029047
Henry	029083
Jackson	029095
Johnson	029101
Lafayette	029107
Pettis	029159
Platte	029165
Ray	029177
Saline	029195

**IN KANSAS**

<u>County</u>	<u>FIPS</u>
Johnson	020091
Leavenworth	020103
Linn	020107
Miami	020121
Wyandotte	020209

**Introduction**

The Kansas City EAS Local Area Emergency Communications Committee and the broadcast and cable media prepared this plan. It is used to disseminate emergency information and warning to the general public in the Kansas City EAS Local Area or any portion thereof within the broadcast coverage and cable system service areas at the request of designated local, state and Federal officials. This EAS Local Area plan may be activated on a day-to-day basis in response to emergencies such as power outages, tornadoes, floods, civil disorders, nuclear power plant accidents, toxic leaks or any occurrences that poses a danger to life and/or property.

Acceptance of/or participation in this plan shall not be deemed as a relinquishment of program control and shall not be deemed to prohibit a broadcast licensee or cable operator from exercising his independent discretion and responsibility in any given situation. Broadcast stations and cable systems conferred rebroadcast authority. The concept of management of each broadcast station and cable system to exercise discretion regarding the transmission of emergency information and instructions to the general public is provided by the FCC Rules.

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I. AUTHORITY

Title 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i) and (o), 303 (r), 524(g) & 606 and 47 C.F.R. Part 11, FCC Rules and Regulations, Emergency Alert System

II. KEY EAS SOURCES

**LP-1**

Local Primary Source (LP-1): KCSP-AM  
Location: Kansas City, MO  
EAS Emergency Codes:  
EAS Monitoring Assignments:  
    WHB-AM (Required)  
    KCMO-FM (Required)  
    National Weather Service (Optional)  
    Kansas Information Network (Optional)  
    KCUR-FM (Optional)  
    Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop A (Optional)  
Contact: John Morris  
Telephone: 913.677.8998  
**E-mail:** jmorris@entercom.com  
Emergency Telephone (unlisted): 913.677.8954  
Hours of Operation: 24  
Communications Facilities: 5KW NDA 610 Khz

**LP-2**

Local Primary Source (LP-2): KCMO-FM  
Location: Kansas City, Missouri  
EAS Emergency Codes:  
EAS Monitoring Assignments:  
    KCSP-AM (Required)  
    WHB-AM (Required)  
    NWS (Optional)  
    MSHP-A (Optional)  
Contact: Lee Reisinger  
**E-mail:** lreising@susqkc.com  
Telephone: 913.514.3000  
Emergency Telephone (unlisted): 913.514.3195  
Hours of Operation: M-F 6a-10p, S-S 10a-10p  
Communications Facilities: 100 KW NDA 94.9 MHz

**LP-3**

Local Primary Source (LP-3): WDAF-TV  
Location: Kansas City, Missouri  
EAS Emergency Codes:  
EAS Monitoring Assignments: KCSP-AM, KCMO-FM  
Contact: Jim Moore  
Telephone: 816.753.4567  
**E-mail:** jmoore@wdaftv.com  
Emergency Telephone (Unlisted): 816.932.9270

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Hours of Operation: 24

Communications Facilities: Channel 4 (aural: 27.005 MHz)

**LP-4 Northeast**

Local Primary Source: KMMO-FM

Location: Marshall, Missouri

EAS Emergency Codes:

EAS Monitoring Assignments: KMZU-FM, KRES-FM

Contact: John Wilson

Telephone: 660.886.7422

**E-mail:** kmmo@murlin.com

Unlisted Telephone: 800.727.5666

Hours of Operation: 24

Communications Facilities: 100 KW 102.9MHz

**LP-4 East Central**

Local Primary Source: KXKX-FM

Location: Sedalia/Knob Noster, Missouri

EAS Emergency Codes:

EAS Monitoring Assignments: KCSP-AM, KCMO-FM

Contact: Carl Zimmerschied

Telephone: 660.620.1051

**E-mail:** carlz@bickbroadcasting.com

Emergency Telephone (unlisted): 660.826.6351

Hours of Operation: M-F 5a-7p S-S 9a-6p

Communications Facilities: 40 KW 105.7 MHz

**LP-4 Southeast**

Local Primary Source: KLRQ-FM

Location: Clinton, MO

EAS Emergency Codes:

EAS Monitoring Assignments: KCSP-AM, KCMO-FM

Contact: Barry Wilson

Telephone: 816.885.7517

**E-mail:** spunk@iland.net

Emergency Telephone (unlisted): ??

Hours of Operation: M-F: ?? S-S: ??

Communications Facilities: ?? kW 96.1 MHz

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III. AUTHENTICICATION (see Annex B)

- A. Code Word(s) if used: \_\_\_\_\_ (for tests); \_\_\_\_\_(for emergencies)
- B. Return phone call to appropriate number (listed in Annex A)

Note: National Weather Service (NWS) warnings received via NOAA Weather Radio, NOAA weather Wire or AP, Kansas Information Network, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Reuters and UPI Wire do not need authentication. NWS sources can be monitored optionally after the two assigned LP sources (LP-1, LP-2, etc.)

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Procedures for designated Officials

- 1. Request activation of the EAS facilities through the LP-1 (or LP-2, if the LP-1 cannot be contacted) via phone or other available communications facilities.

Note: When “severe weather” warnings are issued by the NWS, the NWS can notify the LP-1 directly.

- 2. Designated officials 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 Kansas City Local Area because of (DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY).”

- 3. Upon authentication, designated officials and EAS source personnel determine transmission details (i.e. live or recorded, immediate or delayed). Officials should provide emergency program material including a description of the emergency actions being taken by local government and instructions to the public. EAS message originators shall limit their message to two (2) minutes, the maximum recording time of EAS equipment.
- 4. Keep line of communications open, if necessary.
- 5. For a unique emergency not involving the entire EAS Local Area, authorities may request EAS activation through the Cable system and broadcast station serving only the affected area.

B. Procedures for Broadcast and Cable System Personnel

- 1. Upon receipt of a request to activate the local EAS from appropriate authority (verify authenticity via method described in IV above), the LP-1 (or LP-2) may proceed as follows:
  - a. Broadcast the following announcement:  
“WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY. IMPORTANT INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.”
  - b. Transmit the EAS header codes and Attention Signal.
  - c. Transmit the following announcement and material:

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“WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO ACTIVATE THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR THE KANSAS CITY LOCAL AREA BECAUSE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY. IMPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW.”

\*\*\*\*\* Follow with emergency program \*\*\*\*\*

- d. To terminate the EAS message (immediately or later), make the following announcement:  
“THIS CONCLUDES EAS PROGRAMMING. ALL BROADCAST STATIONS AND CABLE SYSTEMS MAY NOW RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS.”
- e. Transmit the EAS End of Message (EOM) code.

Important Note: For State and Local emergencies, broadcasters and cable operators have the option of transmitting only the EAS header and EOM codes without the Attention Signal and emergency message. This is acceptable so that EAS coded message can be quickly relayed through areas unaffected by the emergency.

- 2. All other broadcast stations and cable systems are monitoring key sources via EAS equipment and will be alerted by the header codes and Attention Signal. Each station and cable system upon receipt of the signal will, at the discretion of management, perform the same procedures as in step 1 above by transmitting the emergency message from the LP-1 or LP-2. Broadcast stations and cable systems using automatic interrupt of programming should receive the EOM codes before retransmitting State or Local level EAS messages. This will prevent downstream locations from missing parts of the EAS message.
- 3. To avoid unnecessary escalation of public confusion, all stations and cable systems must use caution 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 is not fact.
- 4. Upon completion of the above transmissions procedures, resume normal programming. Appropriate notations should be made in the station and cable system records. A very brief summary may be sent to the FCC for information purposes only.

V. TESTS

Tests of these EAS procedures shall be conducted on a random or scheduled basis from a point which would originate the common emergency message. Unless a scheduled State test is received from the State Primary, the Local Primary will originate the Required Monthly Test (RMT).

VI. ANNEXES

- Annex A: List of designated officials and phone numbers
- Annex B: Authentication procedures
- Annex C: Approvals
- Annex D: List of EAS codes transmitted by key EAS sources
- Annex E: List of broadcast stations and cable systems

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ANNEX A

OPERATOR PLEASE POST

Designated Officials for the Kansas City EAS Plan

Mayor: Any Locality

County Sheriff: Any County

Emergency Manager: any County or Locality

Police Chief: if designated and approved by Mayor

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ANNEX B

Authentication Procedures

NOAA Weather Radio

Frequency 162.55

Location: Kansas City (Pleasant Hill)

ANNEX C

This Kansas City EAS Local Area plan was developed and approved by the Kansas City EAS Local Emergency Communications Committee.

The plan is coordinated with and distributed to all designated officials listed in Annex A and all broadcast stations and cable systems listed in ANNEX E.

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Broadcast EAS Local Area Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cable EAS Local Area Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
National Weather Service

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local Government Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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ANNEX D

NOAA WEATHER RADIO STATIONS

Counties tone alerted by each transmitter

ST. JOSEPH – 162.40

Andrew  
Buchanan  
Clinton  
DeKalb  
Holt  
Atchison, KS  
Doniphan, KS

KANSAS CITY – 162.55

Cass  
Clay  
Jackson  
Platte  
Johnson, KS  
Leavenworth, KS  
Miami, KS  
Wyandotte, KS

JOPLIN – 162.425

Barry  
Barton  
Cedar  
Dade  
Jasper  
Lawrence  
McDonald  
Newton  
Vernon

Springfield – 162.40

Barry  
Christian  
Dade  
Dallas  
Douglas  
Greene