

**FCC EAS PLAN**

**FOR**

**INYO/MONO**

**LOCAL AREA**

**California**

November 01, 2004

# EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS) - FCC LOCAL AREA PLAN INYO/MONO Area, California

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## Statement

This is the Emergency Alert System (EAS) Plan for the "Inyo/Mono FCC Local Area" which covers all of Mono County and the Northern portion of the Owens Valley of Inyo County. This plan is a part of the State of California Emergency Alert System Plan, which replaced Emergency Broadcast System plans and procedures.

This Plan consists of a cover page, an introduction & statement and Communications Operation Orders COO#1-COO#7. Additionally, the COO's are followed by the signature page and a revision log page. Amendments, when signed by the LECC, and approved by the SECC, are incorporated herein by reference thereto. The operational date of this plan is the date it is approved and signed by the SECC Chair. Once final signature from the State Office of Emergency Services is complete, the LECC Chair shall cause a copy to be distributed to all stations and cable entities. Copies for public information shall not contain "hot-line" numbers or confidential codes.

## Broadcasters and Cable Stations

The Inyo/Mono FCC Local Area includes all broadcasters and cable television companies in and serving portions of Mono and Inyo Counties.

FIPS CODE	COUNTY
06027	Inyo
06051	Mono

### Adjoining Counties whose broadcasts serve this area:

32003	Clark Nevada
32009	Esmeralda Nevada
32013	Nye Nevada
32005	Douglas Nevada
32021	Mineral Nevada



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**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS ORDER #1**

**MONITOR PLAN**

1.1 The **LP1** station for Mono County is the **Mono County Sheriff's Office (153.860 MHz)**  
The LP1 will monitor:

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|---------|-------------|-------------------------|
| a. KKOH | 780 kHz     | Reno NV                 |
| b. NWS  | 162.575 MHz | Reno NV (Conway Summit) |
| c. KMMT | 102.3 MHz   | Mammoth Lakes, CA       |
| d. KIBS | 100.7 MHz   | Bishop, CA              |

1.2 The **LP1** station for Northern Inyo County is **KIBS 100.7 MHz - KBOV 1230 kHz**  
The LP1 station will monitor:

- |               |             |                          |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| a. KMMT       | 102.3 MHz   | Mammoth Lakes, CA        |
| b. KDAY       | 92.5 MHz    | Independence, CA         |
| c. NWS        | 162.575 MHz | Reno, NV (Conway Summit) |
| d. Mono Co SO | 153.860 MHz | Bridgeport, CA           |

1.3 The LP2 station for Inyo County is **KWTW 88.5 MHz**  
The LP2 station will monitor:

- |         |             |                          |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------|
| a. KIBS | 100.7 MHz   | Bishop, CA               |
| b. KDAY | 92.5 MHz    | Independence, CA         |
| c. NWS  | 162.575 MHz | Reno, NV (Conway Summit) |

1.4 The LP2 station for Mono County is **KMMT 102.3 MHz**  
The LP2 station will monitor:

- |               |             |                         |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| a. KIBS       | 100.7 MHz   | Bishop, CA              |
| d. Mono Co SO | 153.860 MHz | Bridgeport, CA          |
| c. NWS        | 162.575 MHz | Reno NV (Conway Summit) |

1.5 All broadcast stations and CATV control points must monitor two of the following:

- |               |             |                          |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| a. KBOV       | 1230 kHz    | Bishop, CA               |
| b. KIBS       | 100.7 MHz   | Bishop, CA               |
| c. KWTW       | 88.5 MHz    | Bishop, CA               |
| d. KMMT       | 102.3 MHz   | Mammoth Lakes, CA        |
| e. KDAY       | 92.5 MHz    | Independence, CA         |
| f. NWS        | 162.575 MHz | Reno, NV (Conway Summit) |
| g. Mono Co SO | 153.860 MHz | Bridgeport, CA           |

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1.6 In addition, but not in lieu of, any other station listed in 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 above are recommended monitoring.

a. KBOV	1230 kHz	Bishop CA
b. KIBS	100.7 MHz	Bishop CA
c. KWTW	88.5 MHz	Bishop CA
d. KMMT	102.3 MHz	Mammoth Lakes CA
e. KWTY	98.3 MHz	Independence CA
f. NWS	162.575 MHz	Reno, NV (Conway Summit)
g. Mono Co SO	153.860 MHz	Bridgeport, CA
h. KKOH	780 kHz	Reno NV
i. KDWN	720 kHz	Las Vegas NV

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**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS ORDER #2**

**EAS EVENT CODES**

2.1 National Event Codes for messages required to be carried by all stations and entities

EAN	Emergency Action Notification Message
EAT	Emergency Action Termination Message
RMT	Required Monthly Test
RWT	Required Weekly Test

2.2 Local Event Codes for messages to be carried by all participants in this FCC local Area.

AVW	Avalanche Warning
CAE	Child Abduction Emergency
CEM	Civil Emergency Message
CDW	Civil Danger Warning
EVI	Evacuation Immediate
LEW	Law Enforcement Warning
FRW	Fire Warning
RHW	Radiological Hazard Warning
HMW	Hazardous Materials Warning
FFW	Flash Flood Warning
SVR	Severe Thunderstorm Warning
HWW	High Wind Warning
WSW	Winter Storm Warning
VOW	Volcano Warning

2.3 Local Event Codes for messages that are recommended (voluntary) to be carried:

AVA	Avalanche Watch
EQW	Earthquake Warning
FFA	Flash Flood Watch
FLA	Flood Watch
FLW	Flood Warning
HWA	High Wind Watch
SPW	Shelter In Place Warning
TOE	911 Telephone Outage Emergency
SVA	Severe Thunderstorm Watch
TOA	Tornado Watch
TOR	Tornado Warning
WSA	Winter Storm Watch

2.4 EAS administrative and test message codes, as listed below, are NOT to be relayed.

ADR	Administrative Message
DMO	Practice/Demonstration Warning

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## COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS ORDER #4 FOR LP1 AND LP2 STATIONS TO ACTIVATE EAS AND TRANSMIT A LOCAL BROADCAST

### 4.1 From the EAS terminal.

- a. If the Event Code coincides with one shown on the COO Number 2 you will put it on the air as soon as possible using the prescribed EAS terminal instructions.
- b. You may broadcast any other event Code message at your discretion.

### 4.2 From a telephone call.

- a. You receive a telephone call from a person or agency authorized to initiate the Emergency Alert System. (Authentication procedure - where required - is in COO-7. Radio or teleprinter transmissions from the NWS, another EAS station, local, or state government do not require authentication.)
- b. Start recorder to record message.  
Tell the telephone caller to "countdown and go."  
Caller's out-cue is "This concludes this broadcast from the (Agency) in (location)."
- c. Program your EAS terminal with the appropriate FIPS delivery and Event Codes.
- d. Cue up message (if on external recorder) for broadcast.  
Fade out the program in progress and announce:  
**"We interrupt this program to activate the Emergency Alert System for the Inyo/Mono area. Important instructions will follow."**
- e. Activate your EAS terminal.  
Read or play the message.  
Then announce:  
**"This concludes the Emergency Alert System bulletin. All broadcast stations and cable systems may now resume normal operations."**
- f. Resume normal broadcasting. Do **not** editorialize or comment on the incident as it may be construed as an official announcement. Repeat the highlights of the warning every 5-10 minutes, if possible, during the period of warning.
- g. Log it. Assure the FCC, Washington D.C. is notified in writing in accord with their request to be informed.

### 4.3 Any broadcast station may activate the EAS and read the message, upon receipt of any "ACTIVATION REQUESTED" bulletin from the National Weather Service without delay or additional notification, authorization or permission.

### 4.4 All news and program personnel shall be familiar with the necessity to place programming on the air with the least delay. Periodic training should be conducted.

### 4.5 On-air personnel shall not ad-lib, interpret, abbreviate or alter any test or broadcast. Tests shall not be sung, set to music, include music, echo and/or other electronic alteration or production aids.

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**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS ORDER #6**  
**REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST**

The Coordinated Monthly Test (Event Code RMT) within every Local Area is required to be carried by all broadcast stations and CATV firms. It may be carried simultaneously with the originating LP1 station, or delayed by no more than 15 minutes. [FCC Part 11.61(a) (1)].

6.1 The Required Monthly Test in this FCC Local Area is conducted as follows.

- a. Daytime: First Monday of each month 5:35 PM
- b. Nighttime: First Monday of each month 5:50 AM

6.2.1 The nighttime Required Monthly Test will originate from LP1 Station on the first Monday of the month at 5:50 a.m. for retransmission by all broadcast stations and CATV companies within the time limit prescribed by the FCC.

6.2.2 The daytime RMT will originate from the LP1 Station on the third day of the month at 5:35 p.m. for retransmission by all broadcast stations and CATV companies within the time limit prescribed by the FCC.

6.3 The Required Monthly Test will take about 45 seconds. The message may vary slightly in length and the content will be dependent on the subject chosen for the time of year and prevalent threats or potential hazards.

6.4 The State Emergency Operations Center or an alternate will transmit a monthly test that may be carried by any station in addition to the station's weekly test or in lieu of it's weekly test, but never in place of a Local Area's Required Monthly Test.

- a. The monthly State EAS test is conducted on the first Friday of every month unless otherwise notified. It is transmitted statewide at about 10:20 a.m. and may be rebroadcast at anytime within 60 minutes thereafter. It will use the DMO Event Code --- not an "RMT".

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Inyo County Office of Emergency Services

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Emergency Manager  
Mono County Office of Emergency Services

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Brian Law, Chair  
Inyo/Mono Area FCC  
Local Emergency Communications Committee

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Mark Bandini, Co-Chair for Cable Television  
Inyo/Mono Area FCC  
Local Emergency Communications Committee

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Jane Hollingsworth, Meteorologist in Charge  
National Weather Service, Reno NV

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Kim Runk, Meteorologist in Charge  
National Weather Service, Las Vegas NV

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Jim Gabbert, Chair  
State Emergency Communications Committee

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State of California  
Governor's Office of Emergency Services

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Nevada  
State Emergency Communications Committee

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Steve Scott, Vice-Chair  
Nevada  
State Emergency Communications Committee

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