

Federal Communications Commission

Enforcement Bureau
Tampa Field Office

WHO WE ARE and WHAT WE DO

1. Engineers, Compliance Specialists and Resident Agents
2. Perform On Scene Investigations, Respond to Safety of Life Cases, Investigate and Resolve Interference Issues
3. Notices of Violation, Forfeiture Proceedings, Consent Decrees, license Revocation and Criminal Charges

Firm, Fast, Flexible and Fair

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

WHAT WE INSPECT





EAS EQUIPMENT

- ❑ Equipment Installed
 - ❑ Equipment Operational
 - ❑ Equipment manufactured by company authorized by the FCC
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Monitoring Assignments

- Two EAS Sources
 - Monitoring assignments are specified in the State EAS Plan
 - Waivers are available
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LOGGING REQUIREMENTS

- RWT/RMT – Received and Sent
 - Logs kept for 2 year period
 - Logs kept in orderly, legible manner
 - Logs kept in a location that is readily available to inspectors
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Tests and Activations

- Required Monthly Tests (RMT)
- Required Weekly Tests (RWT)
- National Activation

**The EAS may be activated for emergencies or special tests at the State or Local Area level instead of the monthly or weekly tests.*

**To substitute a Monthly Test, activation must include transmission of the EAS header codes, Attention Signal, Emergency Message and EOM code.*



AMBER ALERTS

- February 26, 2002 new event and location codes were adopted including Child Abduction Emergency
 - AMBER plan activations are **VOLUNTARY** and are **NOT** mandated by the FCC
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EAS HANDBOOK

- Available at the control point
 - 2001 is the latest edition
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FORFEITURES

(47 C.F.R. Section 1.80)

- Base forfeiture amount for not having EAS equipment installed and operational is \$8,000.00
- Base forfeiture amount for failure to maintain required records is \$1,000.00
- Base forfeiture amount for failure to respond to Commission Communications is \$4,000.00

LOCAL PRIMARY STATIONS

- Participation is Voluntary
- Stations are usually found to be well-maintained



Media Security and Reliability Council (MSRC)

- Industry-led federal advisory committee
- Development of “Best Practices”
 - www.mediasecurity.org
 - www.fcc.gov/MSRC
- Conduct Vulnerability Assessment
- Develop Recovery Plan
 - Test and Rehearse
 - Share Ideas and Practices



FCC Contact Information

□ www.fcc.gov

□ National Call Center 1-888-CALL-FCC
