

UL Lafayette Emergency Notification Systems Awareness
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The University has taken steps to enhance its ability to notify Students, Faculty, and Staff in the event of a public emergency. We have learned that to be effective, multiple overlapping technologies must be used in order to be effective. We also know that the success of this program requires **EVERYONE** to do his or her part. **YOUR** part is to understand this document, continue to be aware of your surroundings, and contact University Police (911 or 482-6447) in the event of an emergency. Roll out for this system is scheduled for October 15, 2007.

The Concept

- This system is designed to provide immediate notification for emergencies that may threaten harm to people within minutes. Examples of this may include a chemical spill, tornado warnings, violent acts on campus, etc. This system is not designed for emergencies such as hurricanes, in which we have days to prepare.
- The University recognizes that no single technology is inclusive enough to notify all of the people all of the time. Because of this, this system uses multiple technologies that are designed to overlap and compliment each other.
- The University's objective is to first **ALERT** you that an emergency is occurring, and through this training, teach you to **INFORM** yourself about the emergency.
- The information given in the emergency notification is intentionally brief to prevent confusion and promote understanding. This system is not designed to act as a press release.
- Initiation of the emergency notification system shall be implemented by University Police or other authorized persons
- As this system further develops, expansion and changes may be necessary.

The Emergency Notification System

- A departmental emergency radio receiver shall be installed in every department and research center on campus. Department heads and/or designees shall be specifically trained to recognize the radio alert and respond accordingly. Once departments receive an alert from their radio, they shall be responsible for distributing this alert to the areas within their department.
- The University also has an agreement with First Call, a text messaging service. Students and employees can register their cell phones at ens.Louisiana.edu and receive emergency alerts as they are sent. Other than your cell provider's text charges, there is no cost for this service.
- Once an **ALERT** is received, **INFORMATION** can be obtained by either calling the UL Lafayette Campus Hotline extension 22222 or by visiting the University's website at www.louisiana.edu. The message at the Campus Hotline will be a recorded revolving message that may not start at the very beginning depending on the exact instant your call is connected. You may listen to the recorded message several times and hang up when you understand the message. The content of Campus Hotline message and the webpage message shall be exactly identical.

What You Need To Know

- If you have not already done so, register your cell phone at ens.Louisiana.edu
- Learn where your departmental radio is located and how to recognize its alert signal.