

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ'S)**  
**UL Lafayette Emergency Notification Systems**

1. What role does the departmental emergency radios play?

The University has a memorandum of understanding with National Weather Service to broadcast a radio signal to our departmental emergency radios, thereby activating the University's emergency notification system.

2. What does LAE mean?

Your departmental emergency radio can receive 76 different emergency codes for all types of emergencies. If there is a campus wide emergency event, the LAE (Local Area Emergency) emergency code will be broadcasted.

3. Will the ENS radio sound for anything other than a LAE?

Yes, it will. The departmental emergency radio will alert for other events (i.e.: flash flood, tornado warning, hurricane, etc.). When those calls are heard, check with local media and act accordingly.

Below is a list of all of the types of events that your departmental emergency radio can receive. On the left column are the events that will sound an audible alert along with a radio screen display. On the right column are the events that will only broadcast a radio screen display (no audible alert).

#### Audible with a Display

BOIL WATER WARNING  
 COASTAL FLOOD WATCH  
 COASTAL FLOOD WARNING  
 EVACUATION WATCH  
 FLASH FLOOD WARNING  
 FLOOD WARNING  
 FREEZE WARNING  
 HURRICANE WATCH  
 SPECIAL MARINE WARNING  
 SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING  
 911 TELEPHONE OUTAGE  
 BIO HAZARD WARNING  
 CIVIL DANGER WARNING  
 CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE  
 CHEMICAL HAZARD WARNING  
 CONTAMINATED WATER WARNING  
 DAMN BREAK WARNING  
 CONTAGIOUS DISEASE WARNING  
 EMERGENCY ACTION NOTIFICATION  
 EMERGENCY ACTION TERMINATION  
 EARTHQUAKE WARNING  
 IMMEDIATE EVACUATION  
 FOOD CONTAMINATION WARNING  
 HAZMAT WARNING  
 HURRICANE WARNING  
 INDUSTRIAL FIRE WARNING  
**LOCAL AREA EMERGENCY**  
 LAW ENFORCEMENT WARNING  
 LAND SLIDE WARNING  
 NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WARNING  
 RADIOLOGICAL HAZARD WARNING  
 SHELTER IN PLACE WARNING  
 TORNADO WARNING  
 TROPICAL STORM WARNING TSUNAMI WATCH  
 VOLCANO WARNING  
 WILDFIRE WARNING  
 UNRECOGNIZED WARNING

#### Non-audible with Display Only

WEEKLY TEST  
 MONTHLY TEST  
 ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE  
 AVALANCHE WATCH  
 AVALANCHE WARNING  
 BLIZZARD WARNING  
 CHILD ABDUCTION EMERGENCY  
 DAM WATCH  
 DUST STORM WARNING  
 FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT  
 FLOOD WATCH  
 FIRE WARNING  
 FLASH FREEZE WARNING  
 HIGH WIND WATCH  
 HIGH WIND WARNING  
 HURRICANE STATEMENT  
 ICEBERG WARNING  
 NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER  
 NATIONAL PERIODIC TEST  
 NATIONAL AUDIBLE TEST  
 NATIONAL SILENT TEST  
 NETWORK NOTIFICATION MESSAGE  
 PRACTICE / DEMO  
 POWER OUTAGE ADVISORY  
 SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT  
 SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT  
 SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH  
 TORNADO WATCH  
 TROPICAL STORM WATCH  
 WINTER STORM WATCH  
 WINTER STORM WARNING  
 WILD FIRE WATCH  
 UNRECOGNIZED STATEMENT  
 UNRECOGNIZED WATCH  
 UNRECOGNIZED EMERGENCE

#### 4. What is First Call and how does it relate to the University's Emergency Notification System?

First Call is a SMS (Simply Message Service) text messaging service that can send emergency messages to your cell phone. Participation is voluntary and is available to both students and employees of the University. Under the University's ENS, the First Call service will activate

simultaneously with the LAE broadcast alerts (see questions 1, 2, and 3). To sign up for First Call, go to [ens.Louisiana.edu](http://ens.Louisiana.edu), enter your CLID and Password, and follow the prompts.

5. Is First Call free?

First Call is a free service provided to UL Lafayette, however any messages you receive on your mobile phone are subject to your service provider charges. For example, if your cell phone package does not include a text message plan, you will simply pay the “per message” price to receive First Call messages, typically around \$0.10 per message.

6. I’ve heard that if I sign up to First Call, I will receive ads on my cell phone?

This is not true. First Call may not sell or distribute your information to anyone, nor will they send you any non-emergency messages.

7. Will the ENS weather radio alert us for hurricane plans?

The EH&S Office of UL Lafayette will be monitoring any threatening tropical weather as it always has. The University’s Hurricane Preparedness plan does not call for using the departmental emergency radios as a form of alert for tropical weather. Recall that the University typically has days to prepare for tropical storms and hurricanes. Our departmental emergency radios are designed to notify our campus for emergencies in which we have very little time to respond. To view the University’s Hurricane Preparedness Plan, [click here](#).

8. If I want to rearrange the office can I move the radio?

Sure, please call 851-5357 to have the radio checked in its new location.

9. Can we call the University Police via the radio?

No. This radio is a receiver only, not a transmitter. The UP can be contacted via phone (UP#, 2-6447, or 911).

10. Will the radio work if power is lost in the building?

Yes. The departmental emergency radio has backup battery power.

11. I get a display that says “Re-Check Radio Setup.” What does this mean?

Once a week the radios should receive a silent test from the National Weather Service. If, for any reason, the radio does not receive a test signal, the “re-check radio setup” message will be displayed. An occasional adjustment in the federal test protocols may cause this message to occasionally display. This message indicates that the radio has missed the regular silent test. If you see this message for more 15 days, please call 851-5357 for service.