

	LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY	Number: G.O. 11.06
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CHAPTER: Operations Support		Related Policy: G.O. 11.02 (Communications Center), G.O. 11.01 (Police Services Records), G.O. 11.12 (Calls for Police Response, Prioritization, and Deployment), G.O. 11.08 (Electronic Monitory/recording Sheriff's Office Communications), G.O. 11.15 (On Call Duty Roster), G.O. 11.10 (Telephone Security), G.O. 11.14 (Radio and Mobile Data Terminal Protocols)
SUBJECT: Emergency Alerting		Related Laws: ORS 181.730; OAR 257-15 series; LEDES, NCIC,

POLICY: In emergency situations and as determined by Command Staff, One of the Emergency Alerting Systems may be activated.

RULE: Except in extraordinary circumstances CENS, WEA and EAS activations generally require authorization from PS Command Staff or the Lane County Emergency Manager prior to activation. If the activation is for an incident we are handling jointly with another agency, especially a fire department, the Incident Commander must consult with the other agency's Incident Commander to formulate the message prior to launch.

DEFINITION:

CENS - Community Emergency Notification System - also referred to as reverse 911, will deliver automated messages to landlines and cell phones of citizens who have signed up for the service.

WEA - Wireless Emergency Alert - sends emergency messages to any cell phone currently located in or passing through a target vicinity.

EAS - Emergency Alert System - sends messages via public broadcasting. EAS messages will appear on TV and be heard on the radio.

PROCEDURES:

I. General Information

- A. Emergency alerting is an automated system for notifying the public of emergency situations that may directly impact their safety.

- B. Sheriff's Office incident commanders are directly responsible for determining when an emergency alert activation is necessary, the content of the message, incident priority, target locations, as well as other determining factors.
- C. All Emergency Alerts must also be canceled when the incident has resolved. Dispatch should be advised as soon as possible by Incident Command, PSD Command or the person responsible for running the incident when this cancelation can be sent.
- D. If time is a critical factor, PSD Sergeants are granted the authority to activate an emergency alert without Command Staff notification. Then Command Staff must be notified as soon as possible after activation.

II. Detail Information

- A. For more detailed information pertaining to the emergency alerting system, refer to the Communication Center Procedures Manual