



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Emergency Notification System is to provide advance warning and direction to staff and ratepayers in the event of a pending or active emergency such as fire, flood, or extreme/severe weather events.

POLICY

1. Vulcan County residents have access to two emergency notification systems, the AEA and NPAS:
 - a) The Alberta Emergency Alert (AEA) for critical & information alerts that affect areas within the Province based on the urgency, severity, and certainty of the alert.
 - b) The National Public Alerting System (NPAS). Since April 6, 2018, the CRTC requires that all wireless service providers participate in the NPAS and begin distribution of wireless public emergency alerts on their long-term evolution (LTE) networks.
 - c) Over-the-Air (OTA). Since 2014, the CRTC required that FM radio, AM radio and over-the-air (OTA) television stations, as well as subscription-based broadcasting service providers to participate in the National Public Alerting System (NPAS).
2. All Alberta Emergency Alerts (AEA) issued on behalf of Vulcan County shall be done at the direction of any one of the following:
 - a) Director of Emergency Management (DEM)
 - b) Deputy Director of Emergency Management (DDEM)
 - c) Director of Protective Services
 - d) Regional Deputy Fire Chief
 - e) Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
3. Alberta Emergency Alerts are issued by Vulcan County authorized system users, with content reviewed by the individual who directed the alert notification, prior to the initial release.

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4. Testing will occur on an annual basis to validate the applicability of the system.
5. Staff are encourage to have the Alberta Emergency Alert (AEA) application on their phone. All County staff who are issued a County phone shall have the AEA application installed for emergency alert notification.