

# Emergency Alerts :

Public safety officials use timely and reliable systems to alert you and your family in the event of natural or man-made disasters. .

## South Central Alert

Emergency Management Agencies throughout the South Central Task Force (SCTF), which includes the counties of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York, are implementing a new emergency notification service. This service will allow residents and businesses in the eight county area to be notified of an emergency situation and important alert messages in a variety of ways, including on their cell phones, home and work phones, by text messaging and e-mail.

Many residents and business already have been added to the system from publicly available White and Yellow pages information. But this listing only provides a single contact phone number. People with unlisted phone numbers, or those whose primary phone number is a cell phone or VoIP, must provide their contact information if they wish to receive these alerts. People who wish to receive alerts on phone numbers other than the number listed in the White or Yellow pages, and those people who would like to receive alerts via email, SMS, TDD/TTY, etc., will also need to register.

Registration can be done by going to the following link:

**<https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612010#/login>**

## Emergency Alert System

- The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), is a modernization and integration of the nation's existing and future alert and warning systems, technologies, and infrastructure.
- The Emergency Alert System (EAS) is a national public warning system that requires broadcasters, satellite digital audio service and direct broadcast satellite providers, cable television systems, and wireless cable systems to provide the President with a communications capability to address the American people within 10 minutes during a national emergency.
- EAS may also be used by state and local authorities, in cooperation with the broadcast community, to deliver important emergency information, such as weather information, imminent threats, AMBER alerts, and local incident information targeted to specific areas.
- The President has sole responsibility for determining when the national-level EAS will be activated. FEMA is responsible for national-level EAS tests and exercises.
- EAS is also used when all other means of alerting the public are unavailable, providing an added layer of resiliency to the suite of available emergency communication tools.
- **Remember, if we cannot reach you, we cannot alert you.**