

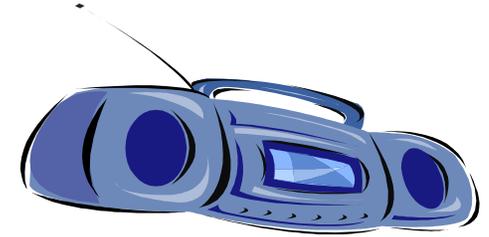


County-Wide Warning Systems Explained

Each local jurisdiction should designate an individual(s) responsible for alerting local officials and citizens in case of an emergency or disaster whether, natural, manmade, technological or civil unrest related. It is important that a local point of contact be maintained for two-way communications with emergency services officials and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Policy, procedures and the necessary forms are in place for a quick size-up and initial damage and needs assessment. Each City Hall, Fire Department and Law Enforcement have a copy of the Latah County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that can be used as a guideline.

The Latah County Sheriff's Office Communications Center dispatches fire and ambulance services in Bovill, Deary, Genesee, Juliaetta, Kendrick, Potlatch and Troy. Sirens can also be activated by the Latah County Sheriff's Office Communications Center. The Moscow Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Ambulance are dispatched through Whitcom (Pullman, WA). Provisions are in place for notifying special populations and the University of Idaho.

The Sheriff's Office Communications Center, Disaster Services Office, and the National Weather Service are authorized to activate the **Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Emergency Safety Advisory (ESA) system through the Kootenai County 911 Center**. This system alerts regional TV and radio stations, and asks that they activate warning systems for our jurisdiction. Those plans and procedures are in place and exercised at least annually.



SPECIAL NOTE: Warning will not likely be received by people who are connected to their own satellite TV systems. We would strongly suggest that everyone in the area, who can receive the NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts out of Lewiston or Spokane, purchase a good weather alert radio for their home and/or business.

There is a **Comm-Alert** system available through the Moscow Police Department that will over-ride audio signals on cable TV systems to provide for local warnings.

The Disaster Services Coordinator is available by way of telephone, cell phone or two-way radio systems, and can be contacted by the Sheriff's Office Communications Center and Moscow Fire radio systems and telephone. This office is the point of contact for outside assistance and coordination of major response efforts beyond local capabilities.

DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

For more information on setting up a disaster supplies kit see the FEMA page at www.fema.gov/pte/supplies.htm

You should have a disaster supplies kit set up for each member of the family. A disaster supplies kit should be in an easy to carry container. A disaster supplies kit should be able to meet your needs for three days or more and at a minimum should contain:

- Water in jugs
- Ready-to-eat food
- First-aid Kit
- Medications you use
- Radio, flashlight and batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Bedding and a change of clothing
- Copies of important documents

Emergency Guidance From Your Latah County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Law Enforcement

For more information contact:

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Visit the web page at:

www.latah.id.us/lepc

or

www.latah.id.us/disasterservices



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