Integrated Public Alert and Warning Systems (IPAWS)

IPAWS for Generational Tribal Resilience: Send Alerts, Save Lives



What is IPAWS?

IPAWS is a free tool that Tribal Nations can use to issue public alerts and warnings, such as Missing Person alerts and Public Health and Safety alerts, to their jurisdiction.

IPAWS provides the capability to send one message to more people through:

- Radio and television as Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcasts
- Cellular phones as Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) All Hazards Weather Radio
- Internet applications and websites

IPAWS recognizes the sovereign rights, authority, and unique status of Tribal Nations, and we value the nation-to-nation agreement.



How Does IPAWS Work?

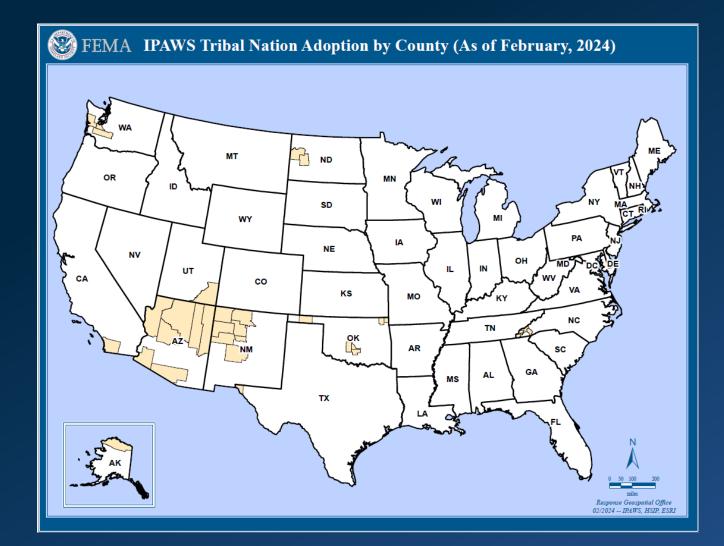
IPAWS alerts can be sent to specific geotargeted areas to ensure only those in the affected area, including transient or temporary visitors, receive the warning.



IPAWS IN ACTION: KEY TRIBAL SUCCESS POINTS

41 Total tribal alerts sent since March 2021

- 4 Alerts TX Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
- 4 Alerts AZ Navajo
 Nation
- 27 Alerts ND MHA Nation
- 6 Alerts OK The Shawnee Tribe
- Total 41 Alerts (4 EAS 37 WEA)



When to Use IPAWS

FEMA does not review, edit, approve, or disapprove of alerts sent. Those decisions are determined by the Tribal Alerting Authority. IPAWS helps get the message out to as many people as possible through many modes of communication in a timely manner.

IPAWS can be used in any situation officials determine is a threat to public safety.

- Missing Persons
- Shelter-in-Place
- Gridlock or Road Outages/Closures
- Earthquakes
- Child abductions/AMBER Alert
- Water Contamination

- Resource Distribution
- Large Power Outages
- Toxic Plumes
- Disaster Resources
- Active Shooter



Using Missing Child Advisories has helped the MHA Nation Locate Youth



SUMMARY: WAKINYAN BIG CROW, AGE 4, WAS REPORTED MISSING AND ENDANGERED TO THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES LAW ENFORCEMENT ON MARCH 3, 2022 BY WASHINGTON STATE SOCIAL SERVICES WHO HAS CUSTODY. INFORMATION WAS RECIEVED THAT THE CHILD IS ON THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION WITH THE NON-CUSTODIAL FATHER, KEITH BIG CROW.

THE NON-CUSTODIAL FATHER MAY BE DRIVING A WHITE/TURQUOISE 2001 FORD F-350 BEARING NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE PLATES 562CJE.

HIS WELLBEING IS A PRIORITY. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS OR HAVE SEEN HIM, PLEASE CONTACT TAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AT 701-627-3617.

MISSING CHILD ADVISORY 03/10/22

MHA NATION EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER





Sending AMBER Alerts / Missing and Endangered Persons Alerts



- Time Is of the Essence: The first few hours after a disappearance are vital for a successful recovery.
- Mobilize Your Community: Alerts can rally the community. Informed community members are valuable allies in increasing the chances of locating the missing person.
- Harness Technology: Leveraging technology means alerts reach a broad audience through a reliable and credible source – You.
- **Credibility:** People want to know the source of the alert is credible and trustworthy

Questions or Comments

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