

**Date:** Thursday, August 06, 2015  
**Subject:** FCC TO HOST AUGUST WORKSHOP ON EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)

On Thursday, August 27, 2015, the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau will host a workshop to promote the wider use and increased accessibility of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The workshop will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, located at 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

As part of the FCC's continuing commitment to ensure that emergency alert and warning systems are effective and available to all Americans, the workshop will explore two key issues:

- (1) How to improve the usefulness of the EAS for emergency managers at the state and local levels (*e.g.*, Emergency Operation Centers, Public Safety Answering Points, Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services), and
- (2) How to improve the accessibility of alerts to people with disabilities.

The workshop will be streamed live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live). Those watching the live video stream of the event may e-mail event-related questions to [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@fcc.gov).

Sign language interpreters, open captioning and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fulfill. To make a request for reasonable accommodations or materials in accessible formats, contact [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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