Know Your Sources for Accessible Emergency Alerts

When it comes to being ready for an emergency, the best advice we can give is plan! One aspect of that is knowing <u>HOW</u> you are going to get your information. There are several options available:

1. **TV:** Ensure you are turned into a credible source. The IC is working with local news stations to ensure information is captioned in real time and at a pace people can read.

2. **All-Hazard Radios:** Know instantly when an emergency alert is issued with these audio and text alert radios! There are add-ons including flashers or bed shakers so if an alert comes out at night you'll know. We have a list of retailers on our website. The Independence Center has also identified the Midland Weather Radio as one that is accessible with add-ons that include a light flasher and bed shaker. It is available through www.midlandusa.com. Be sure to get the assistive attachments for your disability.

3. **Credible Internet Sites:** It is important to ensure you are getting accurate information online during an emergency. The IC has identified several credible websites for emergency information on the back of this page and our website.

4. **E-911:** Go to El Paso County website to sign up for local emergency text messages. Sign up at www.elpasoteller911.org.

5. **Smart Phones:** In this digital age the best way to get information is through your smart phone. Most phones now have a warning system built into them that works with the National Weather Service, meaning if you are traveling and there is an emergency where you are, you will still get an alert! Many newer smart phones are automatically set up to receive alerts. Others may require the downloading of a free app. Check with your wireless carrier to make sure your alerts are in place and turned on.

Emergency Source Checklist:

✓ Know the local news stations and websites that are accessible to you during an emergency.
✓ Research and purchase an All-Hazard radio and the add-ons you need.

✓ Sign-up for E-911 at www.elpasoteller911.org./246/
✓ Ensure your smartphone can receive emergency texts.

Credible Internet Sites

El Paso County Websites:

El Paso County
Web: www.elpaso.com
Twitter: twitter.com/epcpio
Facebook: www.facebook.com/ElPasoCountyCO
El Paso County Sheriff
Web: shr.elpasoco.com/
Twitter: twitter.com/EPCSheriff
Facebook: www.facebook.com/EPCSheriff
El Paso County Public Health
Web: www.elpasocountryhealth.org/
Twitter: twitter.com/EPCpublicHealth
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/ElPasoCountyPublicHealth

City Websites:

City of Colorado Springs
Web: www.springsgov.com/
Twitter: twitter.com/springsgov
Facebook: www.facebook.com/springsgov
Colorado Springs Police Department
Web: cspd.coloradosprings.gov
Twitter: twitter.com/cspdpio
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-
Springs-Police-Department/133820446633849
Colorado Springs Fire Department
Web: www.csfd.coloradosprings.gov
Twitter: twitter.com/CSFDPIO
Facebook: www.facebook.com/csfdpio
Manitou Springs
Web: www.manitouspringsgov.com/
Twitter: twitter.com/manitouGOV

Other Websites:

**National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration
(NOAA) :** http://www.noaa.gov/
2-1-1 Resource Line: http://www.211.org/
El Paso Teller 911 Authority:
Sign up for Emergency Notifications in your area:
http://www.elpasoteller911.org/246/Emergency-
Notification-System

Local TV News &Weather Websites:

Channel 5 KOAA (NBC)
Web: www.koaa.com
Twitter: twitter.com/koaa_5
Facebook: facebook.com/KOAA/
Channel 11 KKTV (CBS)
Web: www.kktv.com/
Twitter: twitter.com/kktv11news
Facebook: facebook.com/kktv11news/
Channel 13 KRDO (ABC)
Web: www.krdo.com
Twitter: twitter.com/KRDONC13
Facebook: facebook.com/KRDONewsChannel13/
Channel 21 KXRM (Fox)
Web: http://fox21news.com/
Twitter: FOX21News
Facebook: facebook.com/FOX21 News

Local Radio Websites:

KRDO 105.5 FM or 1240 AM
http://www.krdo.com/radio
KVOR 740 AM
http://www.kvor.com/
KZNT 1460 AM
http://am1460theanswer.com/

Helpful Consumer-Focused Websites:

Wireless RERC: www.wirelessrerc.org
Apps for Enhancing WEA Alerts:
http://bit.ly/EnhancingWEAaccess
Need to know Information about WEA:
http://bit.ly/NeedtoKnowInfo
**Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
(IPAWS): Informational Materials for the Public**
https://www.fema.gov/informational-materials
Accessible/Accessibility Phone & App finder:
https://www.gari.info
CTIA's Access Wireless:
http://accesswireless.org/Home.aspx