

## NEWS

### Preparing for the September 2017 National EAS test.

August 18, 2017 By Larry Wilkins, CPBE, chair, SBE EAS Advisory Group

All engineers should be aware by now that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has scheduled the 2017 national EAS test for Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 2:20 p.m. ET. This test will be originated and distributed via IPAWS only; the same manner as the 2016 National Test. The test will be sent with the event code NPT for National Periodic Test. All stations are expected to receive the NPT message from IPAWS or off-air and then to relay the NPT message on-air using their normal studio EAS equipment. The message will be sent with both English and Spanish language text and audio.

In preparation for the test a few items engineers need to check.

1. Verify each EAS unit has the correct time displayed. We have seen a number of units that are off by several minutes or on the wrong time zone. Equipment should be programmed to automatically synchronize to an internet time source. Even if it is set to a time server, check the clock for the correct time.

2. Verify you have a local incoming filter programmed to receive the NPT code, and it is set to automatic relay and not log only. The originator should be set to Primary Entry Point, and the event should be set to National Periodic Test (NPT).

3. Verify your station is receiving the IPAWS Required Weekly Test (RWT) on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. local time. This will assure your equipment is polling the IPAWS national server correctly.

4. If your station plans to rebroadcast the alert in Spanish, verify that the correct settings are programmed to access the Spanish version of the message. Since the procedure

varies among equipment, contact the support number for your EAS unit.

5. Engineers should (if possible) be on site for the test on Sept. 27. This way you can verify firsthand the proper reception and relay as well the quality of the audio transmission.

Remember also that the FCC will require all stations to report the reception and relay of the NPT via the Commission's [EAS Test Reporting System](#) (ETRS). The user name and password used for the 2016 test will not gain access to the ETRS for this test.

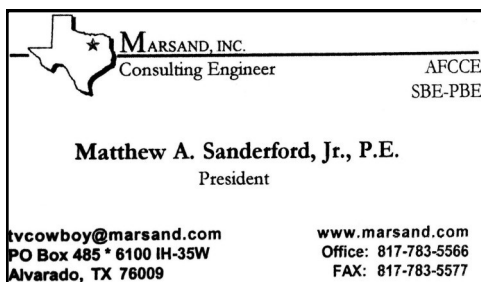
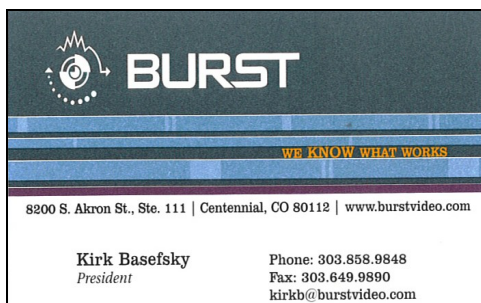
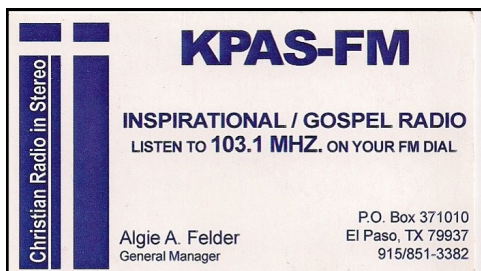
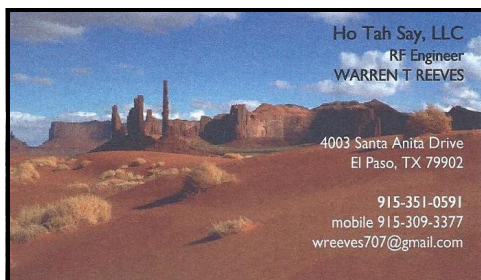
Filers can access the [ETRS home page](#) by visiting the ETRS page of the Commission's website. Instructions for setting a new user name and password as well as filing the proper forms are available on the ETRS site.

All EAS participants must submit Form One on the FCC ETRS site no later than Aug. 28, 2017.

#### Multiple Streams on a Single Station

Analog and digital broadcast stations that operate as satellites or repeaters of a hub station (or common studio or control point if there is no hub station) and rebroadcast 100 percent of the programming of the hub station (or common studio or control point) may satisfy the requirements through the use of a single set of EAS equipment at the hub station (or common studio or control point) which complies with §11.32 and §11.33.

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In other words, if you have one hub station feeding 100 percent of its programming to several other stations, submit a Form One only for the EAS unit at the hub station. If a station has its own programming, it should be filing at least one copy of Form One.

Concerning digital FM stations with auxiliary streams (HD-2 or HD-3) and television stations with auxiliary streams (.2 or .3) these EAS participants should only file for auxiliary streams if they have their own dedicated EAS units.

For example, if the main channel has one EAS unit and the HD-2 and/or HD-3 stream has a separate EAS unit, they should file a separate set of forms. If all three channels share a single unit, they should file one set of forms.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN EAS CHAIRMAN, DAVID HALPERIN, FOR OBTAINING RECERTIFICATION OF CBRE (CERTIFIED BROADCAST RADIO ENGINEER).**



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EL PASO, TX      SBE CHAPTER 38      MEETING MINUTE

DATE **08/15/2017** LOCATION: **COMO'S ITALIAN REST,**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 12:20 PM, BY ANTONIO CASTRO.**  
**THERE WERE 8 ATTENDANTS.**

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:** MINUTES IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER. ACCEPTED BY MARIO JIMENEZ, SECONDED BY NORBERT MILES.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** \$ 2,971.72 IN THE BANK. ACCEPTED BY DAVID HALPERIN, SECONDED BY WARREN REEVES.

**REPORT OF THE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** NO REPORT .

**REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** SENT SECOND NOTICE TO SOME SUSTAINING MEMBERS. PAUL TERRY, TNT, NO LONGER TO BE SUSTAINING MEMMBER, OUT OF BUSINESS .!!

**REPORT OF THE FREQUENCY COORDINATOR COMMITTEE:** SBE NATIONAL REQUIRED 2 GHz LIST FROM WARREN REEVES. WIRELESS MIC FREQUENCIES VS. T-MOBILE

**REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** NO REPORT.

**REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE:** 2115 HITS LAST TIME, NOW 2236. ( 21 ).

**REPORT OF THE EAS CHAIRMAN:** NEW MEXICO RMT RECEIVED FINE. FEMA AND 911 FORCED ANOTHER TEST. SEPT.27 IS NATIONAL TEST. INVITATION FOR OCTOBER 6 MEETING OF E.A.R.S., LINK FOR EAS OPERATION HANDBOOK IN WEBSITE.

**REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** NO REPORT.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE, OTHER THAN TRADITIONAL SPONSOR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS CANCELED THIS YEAR

**NEW BUSINESS OR ANY ITEMS FOR THE CHAPTER INTERES:** SBE NATIONAL ELECTION BALLOTS ON LINE

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:** SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, TIME AT NOON @ THE "RIO CHINESE BUFFET" SUNLAND PARK.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** AT 12:46 PM.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SBE MEMBER, JERRY BUTTLER. HE IS THE MAIN ENGINEER OF CHARTER/SPECTRUM EL PASO. WELCOME TO OUR CHAPTER 38 !!**

# SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

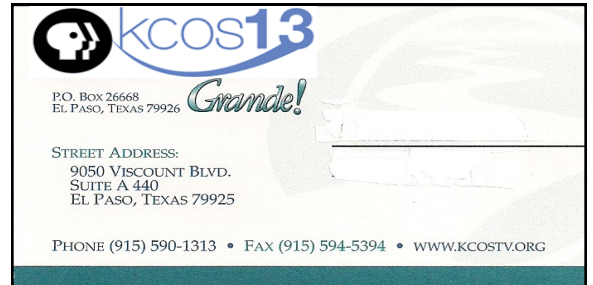
IN AUGUST, WE HAD ONLY OUR REGULAR MEETING WITH NO PRESENTATION, BUT IT WAS A VERY PRODUCTIVE ONE. WE MET AT THE COMO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT. DAVID HALPERIN MADE THE INVITATION FOR THE "EL PASO ASSOCIATION OF RADIO ENGINEERS" **EARS SUMMIT MEETING.**

PLEASE SEE PAGE 5 FOR THE INVITATION. IT WILL BE GREAT IF WE ALL ATTEND, SO MAKE THE R.S.V.P.

FOR SEPTEMBER, WE ARE GOING TO MEET AT THE "RIO CHINESE BUFFET", SUNLAND PARK, AND IT WILL BE AT LUNCH TIME.

LET 'S HEAR WHAT THE CHAPTER MEMBERS HAVE FOR SHEARING ABOUT T.A.B.

SEE YOU THERE THE NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 12 AT NOON.





## El Paso Association of Radio Stations

August 13, 2017

To: Officials and Partners of the El Paso Area Emergency Alert System  
From: The El Paso Association of Radio Stations (EARS)  
RE: *Emergency Alert System*  
*El Paso- Las Cruces- Juarez*  
*EARS Summit Meeting: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

It's time to review and update EAS procedures within our region. The local EAS community: broadcasters, public information officers, public and government agencies, military, weather officials, and others are invited to attend this 2017 Borderland EAS summit.

The El Paso Association of Radio Stations (EARS) is hosting this meeting, providing pastries, snacks, coffee, and beverages. Thanks to Scott Calderwood, Deputy Director of the El Paso County 911 District, we have secured the AV auditorium inside the state of the art El Paso Regional Communications Center, at 6055 Threadgill Avenue (just off Railroad Drive).

The auditorium will open at 9:30 am and the meeting will begin at 10:00 am. The meeting should last no more than ninety minutes. Your presence, or a key person from your team, is invited. For more particulars about this event, you can reach out to David Halperin, Chief Engineer, Townsquare Media of El Paso, at (915) 838-4349. Please RSVP your attendance at this very important meeting by contacting Maria Harrison at (915) 544-9550 or Alexandra Caldera at (915) 521-6307.

Please RSVP by September 29<sup>th</sup> for the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thank you.

Brad Dubow