

City of Austin Warning System's

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MAKE EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS
YOUR SUPERPOWER.



Make a
Plan



Build
a kit



Know Your
Neighbors



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Ready Central Texas App

The City of Austin Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Travis County Office of Emergency Management have partnered to deploy an emergency preparedness mobile app. The Ready Central Texas app provides:

- News updates and warnings
- Preparedness resources
- Emergency plan checklists to help make sure you have what you need
- Informational videos
- Document library with preparedness materials
- COVID-19 resources from Austin, the State of Texas and the federal government

The app is available on Android and iOS devices and is free to download and use.



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City/County PUBLIC messaging coordination

Make a Basic Emergency Supply Kit English

- ☐ Basic first aid kit, seven-day supply of medications/ medical items
- ☐ Map(s) of the area
- ☐ Extra cash (suggested: \$200 in small bills)
- ☐ Spare change of clothes
- ☐ Spare car/home key
- ☐ Family and emergency contact info (phone and email)
- ☐ Pet supplies (collar, leash, tags, food, bowl)
- ☐ Copies of personal documents in water-tight bag
- ☐ 1 gallon of water per person, per day (7-day supply)
- ☐ 7-day supply of non-perishable food, can opener
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- ☐ Cell phone, charger(s), flashlight, extra batteries
- ☐ Sanitation, personal hygiene items, blankets
- ☐ Wrench or plier
- ☐ Other tools or equipment you may need

Get Ready Central Texas For more information: readycentraltexas.org



- Pre-pack emergency supplies
- Listen to local radio, follow HSEM on social media & Ready Central Texas App
- Get emergency evacuation information at austintexas.gov/alerts in 14 languages
- Warn Central Texas: Ready, Set, Go Evacuation coordination underway



Download the
Ready Central
Texas app.

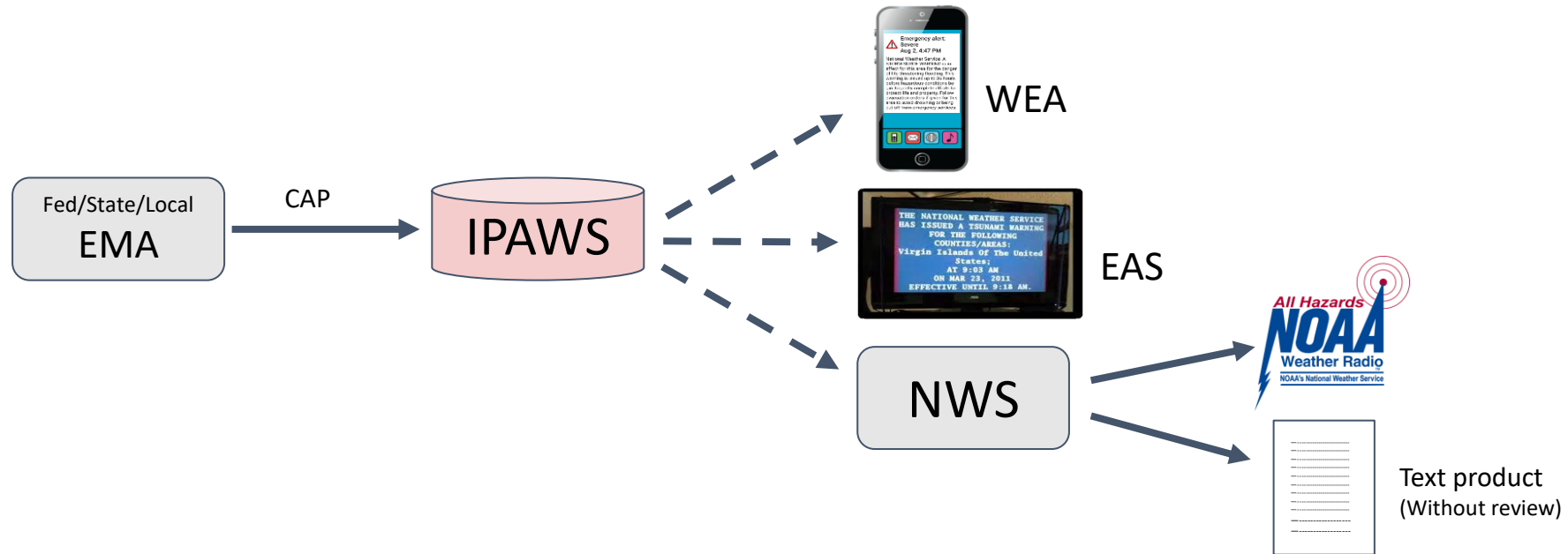
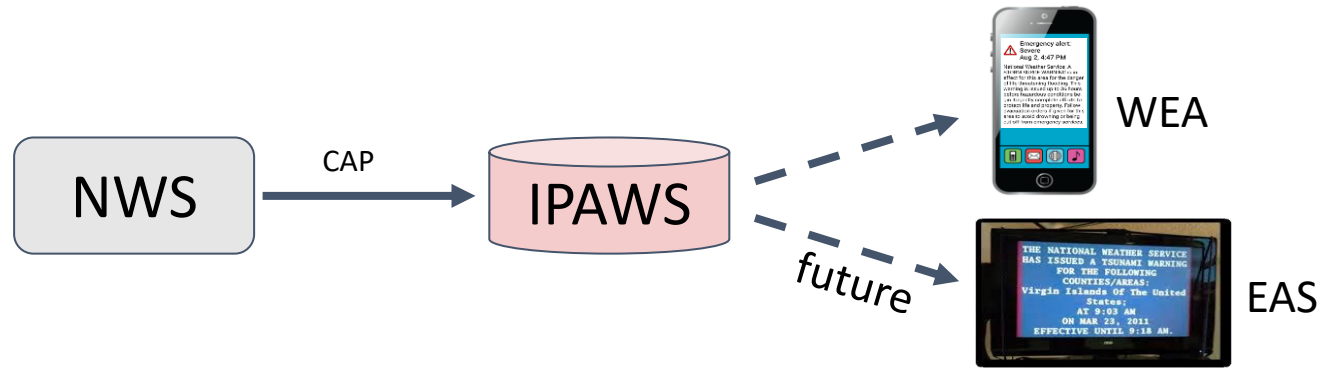


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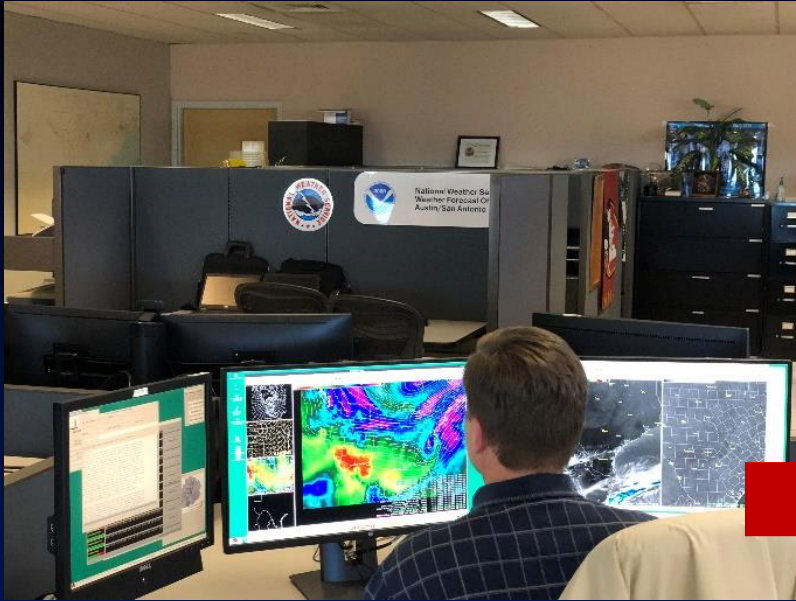


Sign up
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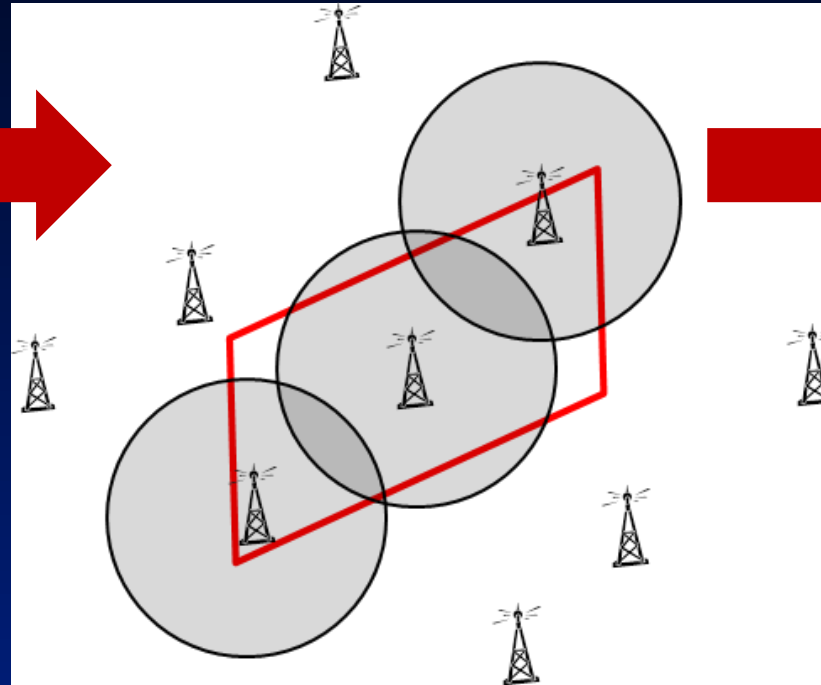
NWS Sends Alerts to and Receives Alerts from FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)



Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)



**Warning issued by
NWS Forecaster**



**Warning sent to
cell phone towers**



**Warning arrives
within seconds
(carrier dependent)**

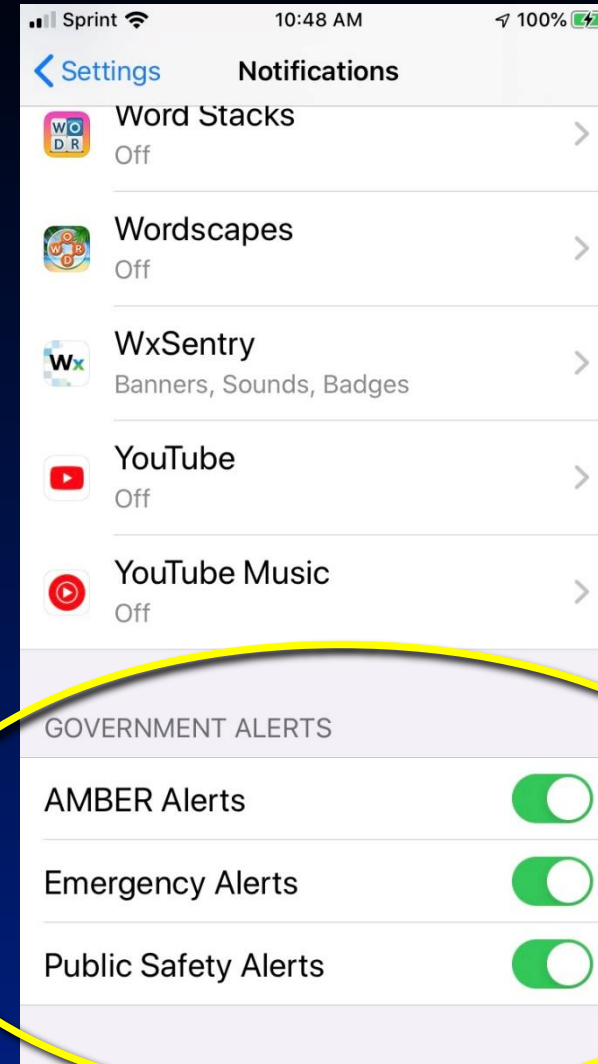
WEA Messages Originated by NWS

NWS WEA Activation Schedule

Most Common

Tornado Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•New warning•Threat is upgraded to catastrophic•Any additional updates with catastrophic
Flash Flood Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•New warning <u>if</u> threat tag is considerable or catastrophic•Threat is upgraded to considerable•Threat is upgraded to catastrophic
Severe Thunderstorm Warning	Activate for first occurrence (i.e. new or updated warning) of a <u>destructive threat</u>
Hurricane/Typhoon Warning	Activate for new warning
Storm Surge Warning	Activate for new warning
Extreme Wind Warning	Activate for new warning
Tsunami Warning	Activate for new warning
Dust Storm Warning	Activate for new warning.
Snow Squall Warning	Activate for new warning

New



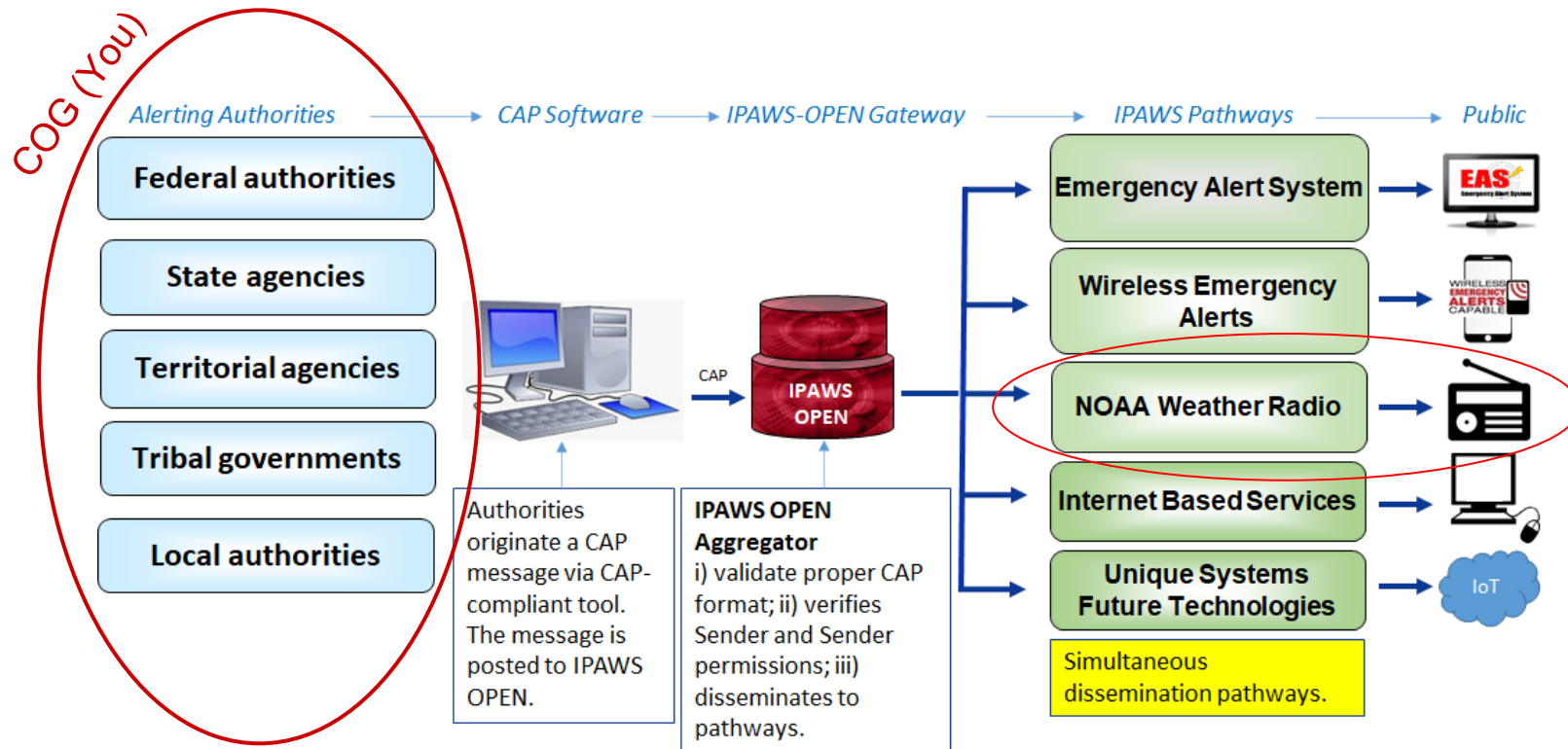
Controls are in
“Notifications”
settings page
(iphone)

360 characters,
Spanish
messages

[Weather.gov/wrn/wea](https://www.weather.gov/wrn/wea)

Flow of Alerts from You to NWS

- Once authorized by FEMA to send alerts to IPAWS, you are known as a Collaborative Operating Group (COG)
- As a COG, you have authority to send pre-approved alerts types through IPAWS to NWS (i.e., **NWEM**), EAS, WEA, and a Public Channel for all other IPAWS alert users
- Check your MOA with FEMA or [sign up to use IPAWS](#)



Warn Central Texas



- Maintained by CAPCOG
- Used by local emergency response organizations
- “Warning or alerting citizens regarding information in an emergency where property or human life is in jeopardy” – CAPCOG RNS Policies and Procedures

Warn Central Texas – Example

- Notification sender selects affected area
- All contacts in the selection area receive notification
- Can be either phone call, text message, email

Warn Central Texas – Contacts

Number of ways contacts enter the system

- **BEST** way – Contacts enter information themselves!
 - www.WarnCentralTexas.org
- Landline data from AT&T and VoIP providers updated monthly
- Cellphone data, purchased from vendor, updated monthly

Please complete all registration pages to receive accurate notifications.

- Profile
- Locations
- Subscriptions
- Review

My Subscriptions

Choose what you want to be informed about.

Alert Subscriptions

☒ Alert Types

☒ Weather Alerts

☒ Flood (3)

☒ Areal Flood Warning

☒ Flash Flood Warning

☒ Flood Warning

☒ Winter (1)

☒ Winter Storm Warning

☒ Tropical (2)

☒ Hurricane Warning

☒ Tropical Storm Warning

☒ Severe (2)

☒ Severe Thunderstorm Warning

☒ Tornado Warning

Save & Continue >



EMERGENCY ALERTS



AMBER Alert

San Francisco, CA AMBER Alert: LIC/
5SEY238 (CA) 2000 Tan Toyota Corolla

Settings