

**DESCRIPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH**

A. Radio Services:

1. City Police:

The Baton Rouge City Police Department is on the 800 MHZ system.

2. Fire Department:

The Baton Rouge Fire Department is on the 800 MHZ system.

3. East Baton Rouge Parish Volunteer Fire Departments:

The East Baton Rouge Parish Volunteer Fire Departments are on the 800 MHZ system.

4. Department of Public Works:

The Baton Rouge Department of Public Works is on the 800 MHZ system.

5. East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office:

The East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office is on the 800 MHZ system.

6. Mutual Aid System:

The Mutual Aid System has: four (4) assigned channels on the 800 MHZ system and a base situation on 155.160 MHZ. These systems are operated by the Baton Rouge Fire Department. The Mutual Aid Network consists of Stations for industry, law enforcement, hospitals, and city-parish coordinated emergency work.

7. Louisiana State Police:

Louisiana State Police is on the 800 MHZ system.

8. GOHSEP:

Base station on 45.60 MHZ. This system provides access to the state area net and is located in Room 216 at the Advanced Traffic Management/Emergency Operations Center (ATM/EOC) at 3773 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70807. GOHSEP is also on the 800 MHZ system.

9. MOHSEP:

Base station is on 155.145 MHZ. This station is located in room 216 at 3773 Harding Boulevard, Room 216, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70807. This station serves MOHSEP and volunteer personnel. Base station 460.100 MHZ (Transmit) and 465.100 MHZ (Receive). MOHSEP is also on the 800 MHZ system.

10. Baton Rouge Airport Police/ARFF:

Base station on 800 MHZ. All Airport Police/ARFF emergency vehicles, as well as portable radios, operate on 800 MHZ.

11. Emergency Medical Services:

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) utilizes several radio systems. Day-to-day operations are conducted on the 800 MHZ Radio system. Copies of the Radio Licenses for EMS, along with their specification, are maintained by the City/Parish Radio Shop.

Main Communications

- 800 MHz Radio: Med-Comm, EMS Vehicles, and EBRP Hospitals
- National Med-Channel System: Med-Comm, EMS Vehicles, BRGH, and OLOL
- HEAR Radio System: Ambulance Services, Area Hospitals
- Radio/Telephone: Med-Comm radio-patches (EMS to Area Hospitals)

12. Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission:

Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission (BREC) is on the 800 MHZ system.

13. Animal Control:

Animal Control is on the 800 MHZ system.

14. Mosquito Control:

Mosquito Control is on the 800 MHZ system.

15. Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service:

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) provides for amateur radio operation for MOHSEP purposes only during periods of local, regional, or national civil emergencies, including any emergency which may necessitate invoking of the President's War Emergency Powers under the provisions of Section 606 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended RACES Communications Plan will be in accordance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rules and Regulations Part 97, Sub-part F. Formation of this plan will be in accordance with the State of Louisiana RACES Plan. Amateur equipment is present and operable on the frequencies and at the maximum power as authorized by the FCC. Station call letters are WC5AAD and WC5AAD/Rpt. The FCC has issued FEMA eighteen call signs to be used by FEMA during emergencies. A listing of these call signs is located in the RACES room.

16. Emergency Alert System:

The EAS is maintained by remote pickup (RPU) in conjunction with the EAS station WJBO-AM operating with 30 watts of 30F3 on the frequency of 161.73 MHZ. The call letters are KSQ391. EAS interrupts local television and radio programming. The EAS network can be activated from the 9-1-1 Communications Center, the National Weather Service, GOSHEP, or by calling WJBO radio station and requesting them to broadcast the message over the EAS network.

B. Common Carrier Service:

1. National Warning System (NAWAS):

NAWAS is a nationwide, dedicated ring down telephone warning system located in key federal agencies and each state Emergency Operations Center. NAWAS is used to disseminate both war and peacetime emergency information. States have drop locations randomly selected by FEMA. The NAWAS telephone in East Baton Rouge Parish is located in Fire Communications and manned 24 hours a day.

2. Community Alert System (CAL):

CAL is a community warning system which will contact citizens in an emergency and provide them with protective actions.

a. Connect-CTY – Allows civic leaders to send personalized voice messages to thousands of people in minutes. In the event of local disruptions, such as floods, wildfires, water main breaks or power outages, your ability to provide leadership remains intact, with the capacity to send timely notifications to targeted constituents and staff members using just a telephone.

b. Auto-Dialer-The Auto-Dialer is a PC based telephone warning system that would be used to notify a specific segment of the City-Parish population in

an emergency. The segment to be notified would be selected by using a computer, driven by appropriate software to interface a digitized parish map and a listing of residents and businesses by address and telephone number. The computer system would automatically dial each telephone number and repeat a pre-recorded message with the proper protective actions with regards to the emergency.

- c. Sirens (loudspeakers) and alert monitors-A warning system comprised of nineteen solar-powered sirens and loudspeakers strategically located in the industrial corridor of East Baton Rouge Parish. The system has stored siren tones and pre-recorded messages to be used during an emergency. Forty-one alert monitors are located in area schools and hospitals and are capable of displaying text messages during an emergency. The sirens and alert monitors can be activated in any one of these ways: individually, specific group, or total system.

3. Media Hot Line:

This line is activated by dialing a designated telephone number. This number automatically dials several participating broadcasting stations in East Baton Rouge Parish, as well as the Mayor's Office, East Baton Rouge School Board, 9-1-1 Communications Center and the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness. The participating broadcasting stations include: WAFB, WBRZ, WVLA, WJFM, and WYNK.

4. Emerg-Alert:

Interrupts cable television programming. The Emerg-Alert network provides the activating agency direct voice communications to the viewing public over the cable television system. The network is activated by phone and interrupts cable television programming while the message is being delivered.

5. I-Notification System:

A system utilizing the internet to notify participating area plants and government agencies of any situation involving area plants which may be cause for concern; for example, an unusual odor, noise, or life threatening situation. Users log on from a terminal on site and notifications are transmitted to all users that are logged on.

6. Commercial Telephone:

The City-Parish is serviced by Bell South's ESSX System. Total breakdown is backed up by special lines outside the ESSX system.

7. 911:

911 is manned by the Emergency Medical Services on a twenty-four (24) hour basis. This system is housed in the Communications Division located at 3773 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70807.