

# IPAWS Wireless Emergency Alert Demonstration Application

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The FEMA Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Office is pleased to introduce the Wireless Emergency Alert Demonstration Application (WEA App). This document will explain how Alerting Authorities can use the app to practice sending WEA messages.

## What is it?

The WEA Demo App is available for download on both Apple iOS and Android cellular devices. The app was developed for demonstration use only for approved AAs and will not be available to the public.

## What will it do?

The WEA Demo App allows AAs to view WEAs sent to the IPAWS Technical Support Services (TSS) environment on personal Apple and Android devices.

## How does it work?

The app monitors only the TSS environment for active test WEAs. When a test WEA is posted, the app will sound and display the WEA message on your mobile device. AAs will be able to view 90- and 360-character WEAs in both English and Spanish. [This video](#) explains how the WEA Demo App works.

## What are the benefits?

- View WEAs when performing demonstrations, training and exercises.
- Evaluate 90- and 360-character WEAs in English and Spanish.
- Fulfill required IPAWS Monthly Proficiency Demonstration requirements.
- Familiarize and train new employees or use the app for refresher training.
- Develop templates or operating procedures for WEA use.



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## How do I access the app?

Agencies may request up to two user accounts to access the WEA Demo App. To request, send an email to [fema-ipaws-lab@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-ipaws-lab@fema.dhs.gov) with Subject: WEA Demo App Access Request.

Include the following:

- Requester's name
- Agency name
- COG ID
- Agency email address (note this email address will be used as your username)
- Device you will use to download the application (Apple iOS or Android)

Please allow three business days for us to process your request and send your instructions and login information.

## What if I need assistance with the app?

For questions related to the IPAWS WEA Demo App, contact IPAWS Technical Support Services at [fema-ipaws-lab@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-ipaws-lab@fema.dhs.gov).

The IPAWS Technical Support Services Facility is staffed 24/7 with subject-matter experts experienced in emergency management, public safety communications, public works, and broadcasting, ready to assist Alerting Authorities with IPAWS needs.

You can reach the TSSF at 1-84-IPAWSLAB or 1-844-729-7522. The number is answered during and after business hours. It will always be answered by the IPAWS TSSF answering service and routed to the appropriate staff. Email: [Fema-ipaws-lab@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Fema-ipaws-lab@fema.dhs.gov)



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*The Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) is FEMA's national system for local alerting that provides authenticated emergency and life-saving information to the public through mobile phones using Wireless Emergency Alerts, to radio and television via the Emergency Alert System, and on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio.*

