



Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) TIP #10: Blue Alerts

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The new Blue Alert (BLU) event code allows alert originators to issue an alert whenever a law enforcement officer is injured, killed, missing in connection to any official duties, and/or there is an imminent and credible threat of death or serious injury to law enforcement officers.

The BLU event code is currently supported by the broadcast and cable Emergency Alert System. Wireless Emergency Alerts will support the BLU event code on July 18, 2019.

To issue a Blue Alert via IPAWS, an alerting authority must provide the IPAWS Program Management Office (PMO) with an updated Public Alerting Authority Application requesting the PMO enable Blue Alerts for your Collaborative Operating Group. Local jurisdictions will need to submit a separate PAA from their state alerting authority if they also wish to enable the Blue Alert event code.

If your state does not want to participate in Blue Alerts using the BLU event code, you will not need to update your IPAWS permissions.

Please contact the IPAWS PMO at IPAWS@fema.dhs.gov with any questions.

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