

FEMA and WBZ NewsRadio Boston to Unveil New Emergency Broadcast Studio

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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to Include Live Demonstration of the Upgraded Facility, Highlighting Broadcast Radio's Critical Role in Nation's Emergency Alert and Warning System

BOSTON -- FEMA and iHeartMedia Boston, will host the unveiling of an all-hazards upgrade to the "Primary Entry Point" facility at WBZ NewsRadio 1030 Boston on Friday, October 15, 2021. The modernization to the emergency studio increases iHeartMedia's WBZ NewsRadio 1030 Boston's resiliency to continue broadcasting under all conditions, including natural disasters and acts of terrorism. This facility is one of 77 across the country that serve as a National Public Warning System Primary Entry Point (PEP) station, participating with FEMA to provide emergency alert and warning information to the public before, during and after incidents and disasters.

WBZ NewsRadio 1030 is the 13th station in the country to work with FEMA to complete the all-hazards upgrade, which includes increased sheltering capabilities, expanded broadcast capacity, and sustainable power generation for all types of hazardous events.

WHAT:

News conference at 11 a.m. ET. Ribbon cutting, official remarks, Q&A, a tour of the facility, and live demonstration at the WBZ PEP station emergency studio

WHO:

Speakers include:

- Antwane Johnson, Director, Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, FEMA
- James (Nick) Russo, Federal Coordinating Officer, FEMA
- Manny Centeno, IPAWS Program Manager, FEMA



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- U.S. Senator Edward Markey
- State Senator Patrick O'Connor
- State Representative Joan Meschino
- Hull Board of Selectmen Chairwoman, Jennifer Constable
- Alan Chartrand, Boston Market President, iHeartMedia
- Jeff Littlejohn, Executive VP Engineering & Systems Integration, iHeartMedia
- Dan Rea, On-air host, WBZ NewsRadio 1030

WHEN:

Friday, October 15, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET (rain or shine)

WHERE:

WBZ Transmitter and PEP Site, 45 Newport Road, Hull, MA 02045

