

Delaware Emergency Notification System

- > Emergency telephone notifications to the public.
- > DENS telephone messages include:
 - ✓ Name (DENS or Activating Agency)
 - ✓ Type of emergency
 - ✓ Protective action(s), if any
 - ✓ Location of additional information, local EAS radio station, TV, etc.
- FirstCall, Interactive Network, provides the service from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Telephone Caller ID's may say FirstCall.
- ➤ Emergency is an unexpected, serious situation requiring prompt action such as evacuation or sheltering-in-place.

When

➤ Only during an *emergency* which may adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of Delaware citizens.

Where

- > DENS can be activated in your:
 - ✓ County Emergency 911 Center or Emergency Operations Center (including the City of Wilmington).
 - ✓ State Emergency Operations Ctr.
 - ✓ State Police Hq. Communications.
 - ✓ Division Public Health Control Ctr.







- > To satisfy the need for a Statewide emergency notification system.
- ➤ A Division of Public Health requirement for a Health Alert Network.



- ➤ Designated officials, including Public Health, will activate DENS by contacting *FirstCall* or through a Virtual Private Network via the internet.
- ➤ Counties and Municipalities can contact their County Emergency Operations Centers for emergency activations.



- ➤ Residential & business telephone numbers geographically coded on computerized maps.
- > FirstCall operators or designated Officials identify calling areas by drawing shapes on the maps.
- > System automatically creates a call-out list from the identified areas.
- > Automatic telephone notifications are then sent, using messages recorded specifically for the emergency.









EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS) Radio Stations

New Castle County

Primary WDEL - AM 1150 KHz

WSTW - FM 93.7 MHz

Secondary WJBR - AM 1290 KHz

- FM 99.5 MHz

Kent County

Primary WDOV - AM 1410 KHz

WRDX - FM 94.7 MHz

Secondary WAFL - FM 97.7 MHz

Sussex County

Primary WZBH - FM 93.5 MHz Secondary WOSC - FM 95.9 MHZ

NOTE

Comcast Cable television can place crawlers of emergency messages, received through EAS, on all channels throughout the State.



<u>FirstCall</u> Network's Registration line

The Registration Line is a toll-free number for citizens that wish to be notified by their cellular phones.
Only one phone number per address is permitted.

Registration Line is (866) 484-3264.

This process is very user friendly.

- ❖Callers will be prompted while using the system.
- ❖The system will ask for:
 - √ Callers Name
 - √ Phone Number
 - √ Street Address
 - ✓ City
 - ✓ State
 - ✓ Zip Code
- ❖Once the information has been entered, the person registering will receive a message, via the submitted number, as a call back from the system confirming their registration.
- ❖The information is protected, under the normal non-disclosure agreement between *FirstCall* and the State of Delaware.







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More information is available on the DEMA website: www.state.de.us/dema



