



CHAPTER 122
SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS
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‘Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering’

Certification Schedule

The SBE Certification Committee has established the following exam dates. Choose the exam period that is best for you.

Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
November 7-17 , 2008	Local Chapters	CLOSED
February 6-16 , 2009	Local Chapters	December 31 , 2008
April 21, 2009	NAB	April 1 , 2009
June 5-15, 2009	Local Chapters	April 17, 2009
August 7-17, 2009	Local Chapters	June 5, 2009
November 6-16, 2009	Local Chapters	September 18,2009

JUST FOR FUN
Believe it or not, you can read it.

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EAS Test Schedule

Ohio:

January

1/1 10:30 RWT
 1/6 11:50 RWT
 1/14 09:50 RMT Exact time
 1/23 13:00 RWT
 1/29 11:30 RWT

February

2/2 12:00 RWT
 2/11 04:50 RMT Exact time

The LP1 in Ohio (Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana Counties is WMXY (98.9). The LP2 is WYSU (88.5)

Pennsylvania:

This EAS test schedule is now being used by Venango, Clarion, Mercer and Lawrence counties in Pennsylvania.

January:

1/6 4:35PM RWT
1/15 9:05AM RMT Via EMNET
 1/21 6:20PM RWT
 1/30 11:50AM RWT

February

2/2 8:35AM RWT
 2/11 12:50PM RWT
2/19 4:55AM RMT Via EMNET
 2/25 4:20PM RWT

The PA (Lawrence and Mercer Counties) LP1 is WWGY (95.1) and the LP2 is WAKZ (95.9) WHMJ is the LP1, WKQW-FM is the LP2 for Venango and Clarion Counties

December Chapter Business meeting

12/11/08

14 people present

Meeting started at 12:22 PM, Jim Hartzler accepted the minutes for last month and Tom Zoccolo seconds.

Treasurer's report:

332.45 checking balance

825.20 savings balance

Committee Reports:

Certification:

none

Frequency Coordination:

none

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Nominations are:

Jim Hartzler – President

Bill King - Vice President

Rick Foley - Secretary

Bob Flis - Treasurer

Mike Orto - Assistant Treasurer

Wes Boyd motions to close nominations and Bob Flis seconds

Bob Flis motions officers be moved in under unanimous vote. Jim Roush seconds.

Mike asks when we were founded. Jan1, 1988 is the accepted date.

FCC's PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU RELEASES 2007 EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS) HANDBOOKS

Washington, DC The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) released on December 3rd, the 2007 Emergency Alert System (EAS) Handbooks for EAS participants. This year's handbooks include newly developed guidance for satellite digital audio radio, direct broadcast satellite and wireline video service providers. In addition, the existing handbooks have been updated for analog and digital television and radio stations, as well as cable systems. To access the 2007 EAS Handbooks online, please visit the FCC web site at: www.fcc.gov/pshs/eas/Welcome.html.

As most readers are aware there are proposed changes to the EAS system including the need for new equipment. The following article comes from the SBE Short Circuits Publication.

SBE Offers Strategy for Implementing CAP EAS

The Society of Broadcast Engineers, in an effort to aid the implementation of the "Common Alerting Protocol" (CAP) technology for a revised Emergency Alert System, has prepared and released a document titled, "[A Strategy for Implementing CAP EAS.](#)" The document has been shared with representatives of the FCC, FEMA, NAB and the National Alliance of State Broadcast Associations (NASBA). The FCC and FEMA have the ultimate responsibility for developing the next generation of EAS.

Commonly referred to as SBE's CAP EAS "roadmap," a key element of the strategy is the recommendation to create six working groups which would address specific portions of the task. The SBE offered its volunteer member services as appropriate to work on relevant working groups that relate to the interests of our members.

The "roadmap" was prepared by members of the SBE EAS Committee, which is chaired by national board member, Clay Freinwald, CPBE and was approved by the SBE Board of Directors.

Monthly Meeting

The January meeting will take place at noon on Jan 8 th. We will meet at the Youngstown Sports Grille on South Avenue in Boardman. Anyone with an interest in broadcast engineering are welcome to attend our meetings. Bring a friend! The meeting gathers around noon and the business meeting begins just after we order lunch. .

Tower Light Outages

The number to call to report Tower Light Outages is 877-487-6867. Be sure to have your tower registration number handy, and the FCC requires you to log outages, and needs to include time and date of the observed outage, when it was reported and the initials of both the person reporting the outage and the person taking the report.

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