



CHAPTER 122
SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'

Nov. 2011

SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes
10/13/11

Meeting begins at 12:14 pm

9 members present I guest (Dale Lamm from WHBC) present
President Bill King begins meeting by asking that the September meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter be accepted.
Rick Foley moves to accept, Wes Boyd seconds the motion.

Reports

Treasurer: Checking Account beginning Balance \$523.47 Members dues \$12.00 Expenses \$12.62 Balance \$522.85 Savings Account Balance \$830.72

Frequency Coordination: No requests

Certification:

No requests

Old Business

None

New Business

President Bill King presents Chapter with Certificate of Appreciation from SBE Headquarters for hosting Annual National Meeting in Columbus last month along with all Ohio Chapters.

Rick Foley motions to adjourn meeting, Melissa Limpose seconds.

Meeting ends at 12:24 pm

FREE

Thursday November 17th 2011
10 to 11 AM

OAB Chief Operator Webinar

Registration:

WWW.OAB.ORG/EVENTS

(Free is the BEST price !)

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.

WASHINGTON: The Federal Emergency Management Agency today notified parti-

cipants in the upcoming nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System that it will run just 30 seconds rather than two-and-a-half minutes as originally planned.

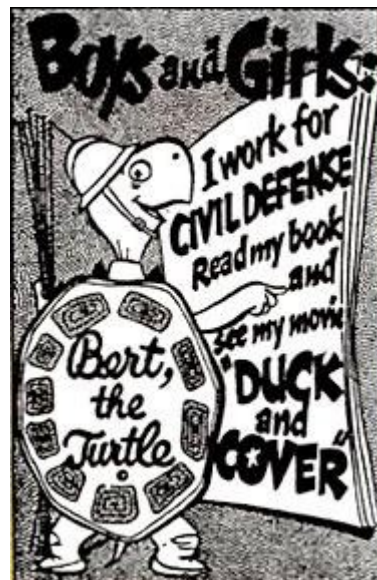
The test, scheduled for Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. Eastern, will be the first official test of a Presidential Emergency Action Notification. All broadcast radio and TV stations must take part in the tests along with participating cable and satellite operators. The national alert system relies on a daisy-chain architecture whereby the EAN is transmitted to designated radio stations that are monitored by State Primaries, which in turn retransmit the alert to Local Primaries that notify all other broadcast and cable participants. The United States is divided into 550 local EAS areas, each with at least two Local Primaries monitoring two sources for presidential alerts. A single failure within the system can leave hundreds of participants out of the loop.

A limited-area test of the system was conducted in 2010 across Alaska, revealing several equipment and communications failures. The Nov. 9 test was originally scheduled after a deadline for the implementation of the new Common Alerting Protocol, or CAP, an XML-based data exchange format allowing alerts to be broadcast simultaneously over multiple types of systems, eliminating the daisy chain. Broadcasters were supposed to be CAP-compliant in September, but due to the timing of equipment coming to market among other factors, the deadline was moved to next June.

The absence of CAP in the nationwide Nov. 9 test caused concern for the cable industry because many systems won't be able to run a text crawl identifying the alert as a test. National Cable and Telecommunications Associ-

ation chief Michael Powell wrote to FEMA administrator Craig Fugate in mid-October asking for a postponement of the test so as not to incite panic among deaf and hard-of-hearing cable subscribers.

FEMA confirmed the shortening of the Nov. 9 test, but did not say specifically if the agency did so to reduce the chance of an unintended reenactment of "War of the Worlds." The change was said to be made at the direction of Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano.



You must download, print out, and place at your control point the "**FCC EAS Handbook for November 9, 2011**" –

This is A SPECIAL HANDBOOK FOR THIS TEST and NOT the one that you have now.

available at:

<http://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/eas/EAS%20Handbook%20-%20National%20Test.pdf>

The FCC has already revised the November 9th Handbook, which must be printed and placed at the control point in each station, to reflect the change to a 30 second announcement.

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WARNING !!

The NOVEMBER meeting is also the meeting for nominations and election of SBE Chapter officers for the next year.

Monthly Meeting

The November meeting will take place at noon Nov 10th, 2011. We will meet at the Youngstown Sports Grill, 7463 South Ave. Anyone with an interest in broadcast engineering is welcome to attend our meetings. Bring a friend. The meeting gathers around noon and the business meeting begins just after we order Lunch.

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