

New EAS Assignments for Ely, NV

Residents of Ely in eastern Nevada are a little safer today with the announcement that radio station KELY(AM) has become the Local Primary 1 (LP-1) station for the Emergency Alert System. The community has been without a designated LP-1 station since 2005.

The Emergency Alert System, or EAS, is a network of radio and television stations and cable television operators that is available for local, state and federal officials to inform the public of a pending emergency, disaster or crises. This network is available to the community at no taxpayer expense and is fully funded by broadcasters and cable operators. EAS is the platform for AMBER Alerts, severe weather warnings and emergency public information.

Along with the new designation, KELY staff will install a dedicated phone line and a special telephone interface unit that will allow local law enforcement, public safety and emergency managers to directly access the station's EAS equipment. The new gear means that community officials can issue public warnings at any hour of the day or night. KELY has also installed a special receiver to pick up EAS activations from the State Emergency Operations Center in Carson City that are carried on the new Nevada Statewide Relay Network. The other local radio and television stations and the community's cable provider will set their EAS equipment to monitor KELY and receive local as well as regional, statewide or national EAS activations.

In addition to KELY, local broadcasters and the cable provider will continue to monitor their other station assignments per the Eastern Nevada Operational Area EAS Plan. These assignments include the LP-2 station for Ely, KWPR and WXL69, the NOAA Weather Radio Station for Ely. The FCC Mapbook of EAS Monitoring Assignments will be updated to reflect these changes as will the next version of the Eastern Nevada Operational Area EAS Plan. Broadcasters and cable operators will need to record EAS tests and activations from KELY, KWPR and WXL69 in accordance with FCC regulations.

Please place a copy of this message in your current edition of the EAS Plan and post a copy near your EAS equipment.

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