



Annex B - Communications

Record of Changes

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General

Reliable and interoperable communications systems are essential to obtain the most complete information during emergencies and to direct and control resources responding to such situations. Keeping in mind that any given communication strategy can fail, this annex identifies the various equipment and methods that can be employed to ensure that responders can communicate reliably.

Concept of Operations

During emergency operations, the incident command post will serve as the communications center for emergency responders, in addition to the communication hubs described in Annex A - Warnings.

All departments will maintain their existing communications equipment, as well as the procedures for communicating with units in the field. All emergency responders will communicate using a common language per the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

- **Communications Equipment**

- Telephones, cellular or landline, are the primary means of communication for initially contacting emergency responders or departments. They can often continue to serve as an important means of communication throughout an incident.
- Radio is the primary means of emergency responders communicating directly with one another in the field.
- Text messaging and email are other means of communication that may prove helpful during an emergency response.

Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities

- The Center for Information Technology Excellence (CITE), the Office for Marketing & Communications, and the University Police Department assist in warning the campus community as needed via the Panther Alert System or blast email.
- The University Police Department and Transportation Services maintain radio systems for PVAMU. All departments should maintain up-to-date contact information lists for emergency response personnel who may be called upon during emergencies.