

NEW EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

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WHO SENDS OUT THE EMERGENCY ALERTS ON THE NEW SYSTEM?

Kevin: The Berrien County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division will send out messages via IPAWS and B-WARN! (Berrien County's opt-in notification system). In the unlikely event of a nuclear accident or another emergency, Cook Plant and State Authorities will provide the emergency alert information and instructions that the County will include in the text and email messages.

HOW OFTEN WILL YOU TEST IPAWS?

Rockey: The public will receive a test alert on the first Friday of every month at 3 p.m., beginning on February 5, 2021. The test will go out through WEA and B-WARN!.

WILL THE PUBLIC KNOW WHEN THE NEW EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM IS UP AND RUNNING?

Rockey: As soon as the Berrien County Sheriff Department is ready to implement IPAWS for nuclear emergency alerts, it will post the information on its website (www.bcsheriff.org), through press releases and social media.

WILL INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER REMOVE THE SIRENS?

Kevin: Eventually. Indiana Michigan Power is working on a plan to dismantle the siren system.

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

B-WARN!: Berrien Warning Alert and Regional Notifications

EAS: Emergency Alert System

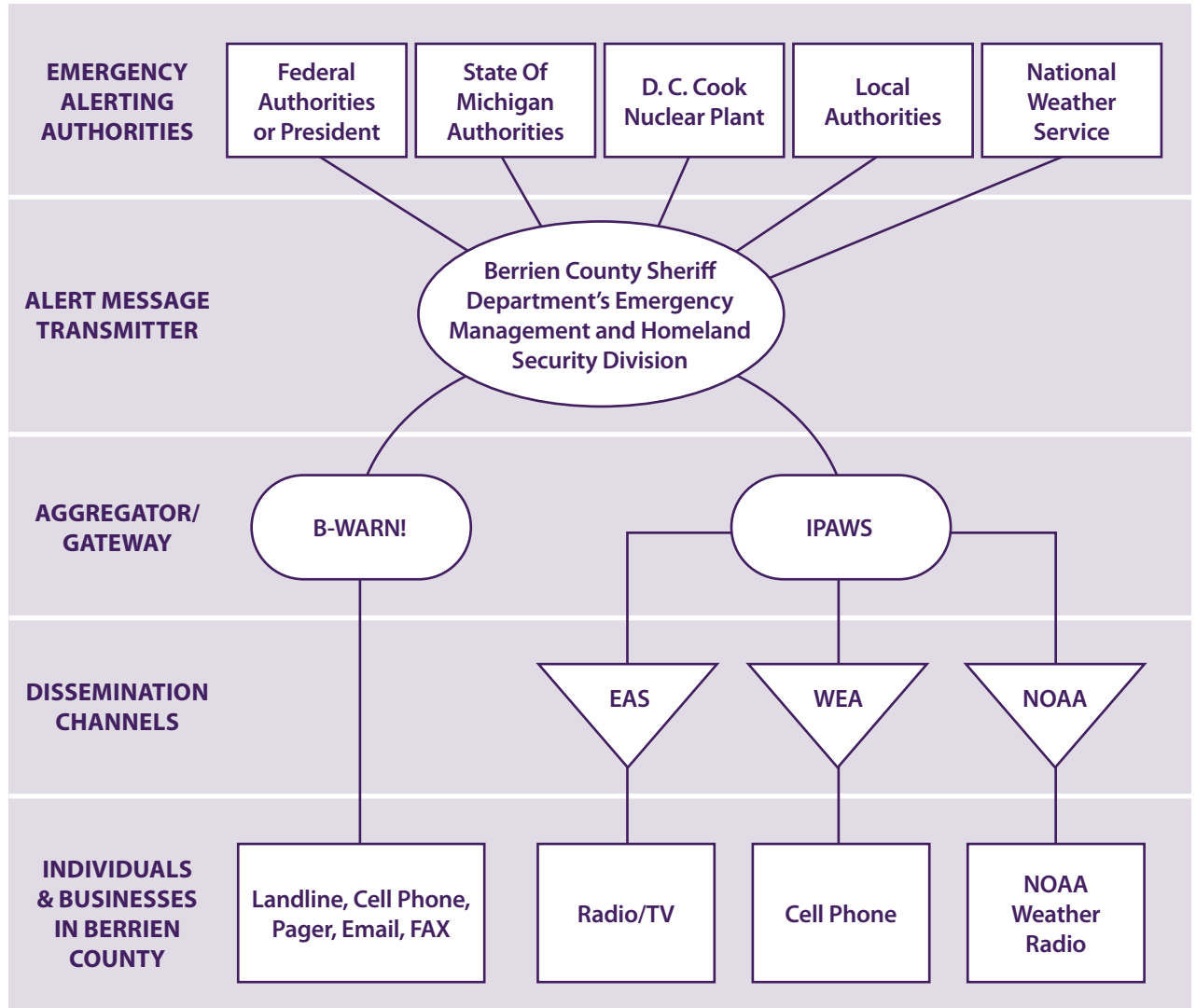
FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency

IPAWS: Integrated Public Alert & Warning System

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEA: Wireless Emergency Alerts

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The FINAL Siren Emergency Warning Test is at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2021. The test will consist of a short siren sound lasting less than a minute. If you hear a siren that lasts for three to five minutes on any other date or at any other time during the month of January 2021, tune to a radio or TV station listed below.