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I. Purpose

The purpose of this General Order is to describe the available Campus Warning Systems, their intended use, activation and de-activation.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of UWWPS for Officers to utilize the appropriate warning systems when needed and deactivate the systems in order to return the campus to normal functions.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Fire Alarms

Fire alarms throughout campus are activated through pull box stations and automatic detection systems monitored by a private vender. Fire alarms are self-contained and should only be deactivated after the appropriate Fire Department authority directs or it is known to be a false alarm. All UWWPS Officers are trained in procedures for resetting the fire alarm systems in campus buildings.

B. Tornado Warning Systems

- 1. Tornado warnings for campus are provided by several means; weather radios in buildings throughout campus, City of Whitewater outdoor warning sirens and through indoor building speakers and IP based phones on campus.
- 2. The IP based phones and speakers are activated within the Dispatch Center. It is activated in conjunction with the City of Whitewater warning sirens by the dispatcher on duty. This system will continue to sound until it is deactivated manually by a UWWPS Supervisor via a secure web system.

C. Shelter in Place Warning Systems

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- 1. Shelter in place warnings for campus is provided by speakers and IP based phones on campus. A shelter in place warning should be utilized when a chemical emergency, a radioactive emergency, a release of natural gas or active shooter emergency requires individuals to stay where they are, lock and secure all doors, shut windows and turn off lights.
- 2. The IP based phones and speakers are activated within the Dispatch Center. It is activated when requested by a UWWPS officer to the dispatcher on duty. This system will continue to sound until it is deactivated manually by a UWWPS Supervisor via a secure web system.

D. Additional Systems

1. Campus Paging

Located within the University Center's North vestibule entrance is a microphone system capable of communicating over all the IP speaker systems on campus. The microphone is used by opening the cabinet, pressing the "Campus Paging" button, waiting for the system to initiate and then speaking.

2. Mass Email

A mass email alert or message can be initiated by UWWPS Supervisors or Marketing & Media Relations personnel via computer or smart phone.

3. Radios

A message can also been sent over the "All Call" Channel of the Campus UHF Radio System.

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