

Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) Program Status

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Improving the IPAWS Program

Expanding resources and support for Alerting Authorities to improve the readiness and effective use of IPAWS necessary to maintain the public's trust and the integrity of the public alert and warning systems.

New requirements for the FEMA IPAWS Program authorized in December 2019 by:



**324 National Defense Authorization Act of 2020, Section
1756 Public Law 116-92 (codified 6 U.S.C. § 321o-1)**

FEMA shall:

- *Develop requirements, training, and guidance for Alerting Authorities using the IPAWS*
- *Develop a certification program for the annual certification of IPAWS Alerting Authorities*
- *Develop a certification program for tools used by IPAWS Alerting Authorities*

- “Get Started” appropriation provided in midyear of 2022
- 2023 IPAWS appropriation included increases needed to implement and sustain guidance, training, and certification activities annually

Questions?

