

I. PURPOSE:

To provide an overview of the responsibilities and procedures whereby the notification of key officials and the warning of the general public are accomplished. This system is tested on the first Wednesday of each month.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES:

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- A. **The Mower County Sheriff's Office is the 24 Hour County Warning Point** (also known as the Law Enforcement Center LEC) for the County. The Mower County Warning Point is responsible for the proper receipt and dissemination of all emergency notifications received.

Facilities in Mower County are responsible for making the following notifications, in the order listed, in the event of an accidental release which is subject to the SARA Title III, Section 304 requirements:

1. Local officials: 911
2. State Duty Officer: 800-422-0798
3. National Response Center (CHEMTREC): 800-424-8802

The information to be relayed:

- Name of the substance;
- Area of release, i.e.: Address;
- Approximate amount released and
- Known hazard and community impact.

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- B. **The Austin/ Mower County Clerk Dispatch Supervisor, under the direction of the Sheriff or Chief of Police depending upon the jurisdiction, is the Austin/Mower county warning point supervisor. They will have overall responsibility for ensuring that all warnings and notifications received and handled properly and activation of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).**

- C. Upon being notified of a warning, the Mower County LEC is responsible for:

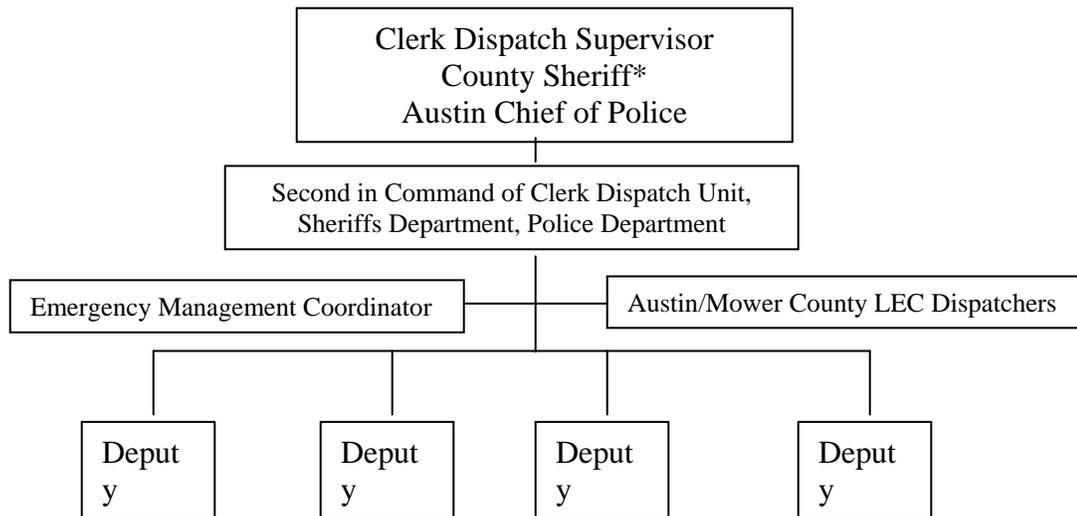
1. Notifying key county government and private organization officials, as appropriate (See Resource Manual, Warning Notification tab).
2. Notifying the affected municipalities.
3. Activating the appropriate outdoor warning sirens.
4. Activating tone-alert warning radios, pagers, or other devices.
5. Activating the Emergency Alert System.
6. Notifying affected private and/or public facilities included in the Notification and Warning SOG.
7. Notification of public by emergency vehicle public address system (PA).

- D. The warning officers for each of the municipalities in Mower County are responsible for relaying any notifications which they receive from the Mower County Warning Point.
 - 1. Municipal warning officers are generally the mayors, or their designated officials and/or agencies.

- E. All municipal warning points in Mower County are responsible for activating their own outdoor warning sirens (LeRoy, Waltham and Sergeant) with the exception of: Austin, Rose Creek, Racine, Elkton, Lyle, Grand Meadow, Adams, Brownsdale, Dexter and Mapleview with are activated by radio from the Austin/Mower County Law Enforcement Center.

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III. ORGANIZATION OF THE MOWER COUNTY WARNING POINT



*This asterisk denotes who is (ultimately) responsible for the proper receipt and dissemination of all notifications.

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IV. SPECIAL POPULATIONS

The Mower County PSAP presently does not have the resources available to target the population that is hearing impaired or non English speaking. We expect that families, friends, or neighbors will take the time and responsibility to warn these selected persons in Mower County.