

JBER FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (MNS)

REFERENCES:

UFC 3-600-01

*Fire Protection Engineering for
Facilities*

UFC 4-021-01

*Design and Maintenance of
MNS*

NFPA 72

Fire Alarm and Signaling Code

NFPA 101

Life Safety Code

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The purpose of mass notification is for the protection of life by indicating the existence of an emergency situation and communicating information necessary to facilitate an appropriate response and action.

FAQ's:

- ◇ How often are these systems tested? They are tested annually along with the building fire alarm system. This is a good time for facility managers and occupants to become familiar with their system.
- ◇ Will the MNS activate my fire alarm system? No. However, if there is a fire alarm at the same time you're trying to use the MNS, the MNS will override the fire alarm.
- ◇ Are there any distinctive lights or sounds associated with the MNS? Yes. There are alert sounds, pre-recorded audible instructions, clear or amber strobes labeled ALERT, and textual signs.
- ◇ Who maintains or manages these systems? They are maintained by the fire alarm shop and problems or issues can be reported to CE Customer Service at 552-3727.
- ◇ Are these standalone systems? Depending on the age of the MNS and installed location, some may be local only while others could be tied into a local area network.
- ◇ What are the facility manager's responsibilities as it pertains to MNS? The facility manager is responsible for ensuring the MNS is accessible, operable, and only used for its intended purpose. Facility managers shall also train personnel working in the facility on the operation of the MNS.
- ◇ Can I use the MNS to practice a fire drill? Yes! The MNS can be used to sound a local building fire alarm without transmitting an alarm to the fire department. However, you must be trained on its use prior to conducting such drills. You can contact the fire prevention office at 384-5555 for training.
- ◇ Will the MNS work in a power outage? Yes, they are designed to run off of a 24-hour back-up power system in case a facility has a loss of power.

If you have any questions about your building's MNS please contact the JBER Fire Prevention office.

