# MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Emergency Management Division 06/16/2022

## What is a Mass Notification System?

- Provides a way for the City to send simultaneous alerts to groups and individuals whether these alerts are for emergencies, potential threats, employee announcements, or simple day-to-day communications.
- System will help the City get messages out quickly to keep people safe, strengthen operational resilience, reduce costs, mitigate risk, and thrive in an increasingly unpredictable world.

## "Regroup" Mass Notification System

- Founded in 2006 at Stanford University
- Over 4,000 clients

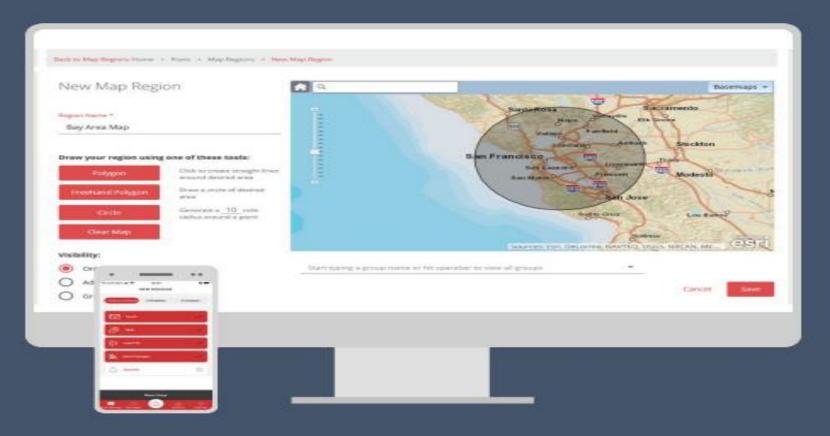
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Higher Ed	Hospitals	Airlines	Local	Houses of
K-12	Clinics	Construction	Government	Worship
			Police & Fire	Community
Vocational &	Pharmaeutical	Logistics	Departments	Service
Trade Schools				
	Insurance	Property	Tribes and	Advocacy
		Management	Nations	Groups
	Long-Term Care			
		Stadiums &	Utilities	Professional
		Venues		Associations
			Correctional	
		Casinos	Facilities	

## *FEATURES*

- 100% Voluntary basis to Sign Up For and they can STOP anytime
  - Different from Federal Government, NOAA, IPAWS Notifications
- Free for Groups & Individuals to Sign Up For
  - City Limits & City Employees
- Customizable for the Recipients.
  - They can choose what type of messages to receive and when to receive them.
- Vacationers can Sign Up for a Predetermined Time Period
  - Will automatically STOP sending them Messages

## *FEATURES*

- City can Determine Specific Groups and/or Individuals to Receive Certain Types of Notifications.
  - Citywide, Specific Departments, Zip codes, Neighborhoods, GeoFence Messaging Capabilities



## TYPES OF MESSAGES

### **Critical Notifications**

- Severe Weather
  - Information Before, During, After
- Human-Caused Events
  - Instructions on what to do during Active Shooter/Terrorist Incident for example.
- Infrastructure Failure
- Power Outage(s)
- Cyber Security Threats

### **Employee Notifications**

- Citywide Alerts
  - Call-In of Additional Staff
  - Service Suspensions
- Department Specific Alerts
  - Notifications or Reminders
- Employee At-Risk or Missing
  - Set the System to Continuously Notify Employee until they make communication with Department
- Two-Way Communications

## TYPES OF MESSAGES

### Special Events

- Date/Time/Locations
- Traffic Management Plans
- Road Closures
- Any Disruption to City Services

### Day-To-Day Communications

- Notice of Office Closures
  - Holidays
- Temporary Disruption of City Services
  - Trash Can Pickup Changes
  - Debris Collection Sites
- General Public Information

## Reach Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime



## IF YOU CAN SEND EMAIL, YOU CAN USE REGROUP MASS NOTIFICATION

### SIGN UP

• Website/EMAIL/Text/QR Code Scan



## AUTOMATIC MESSAGE TRANSLATION

Keep the City's Multilingual Network Safe and Informed in their Primary Language

ReGroup's Automatic Message Translation

Enables Administrators to have Notifications automatically translated into over 60 Languages!

Based on their Recipient's Preferred Settings they will receive notifications and instructions that can be easily understood.

"In our diverse global workplace, organizations need to ensure messages are understood by all recipients, regardless of their native language. Now in addition to Regroup's assurance of delivery, admins will be certain their message is understood by all recipients."

**Chris Utah, COO of Regroup** 

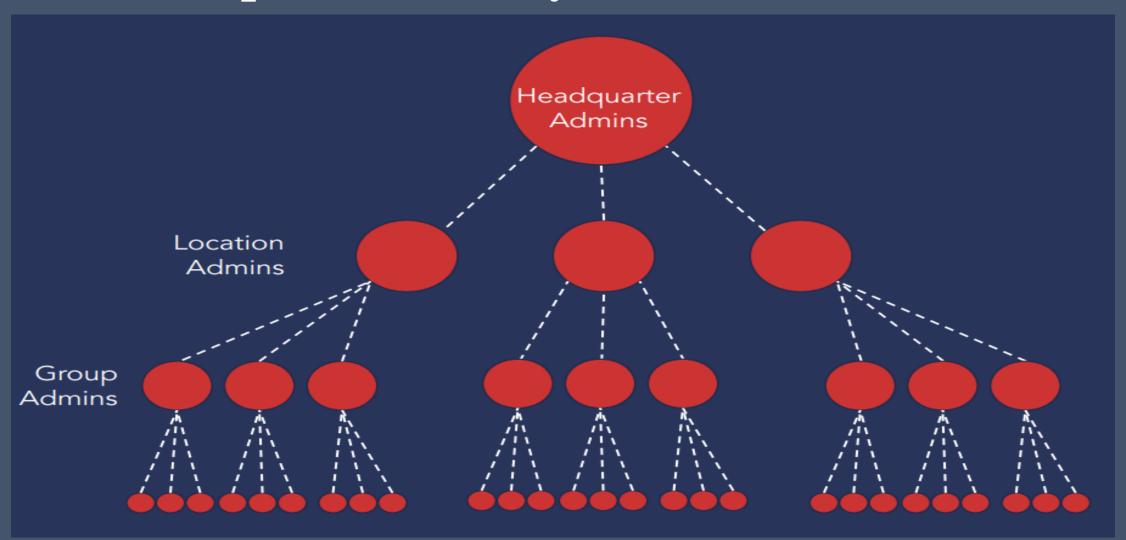
## AVOID MISTAKES & CONFUSION

- Messages are sent to the SENDER prior to being sent out to the recipients. Allows for SENDER to see the message and ensure no mistakes/typos made.
- Messages will be stamped with the City/Department information to ensure recipients don't view it as SPAM

#### **EXAMPLE**

{COMB}: The National Weather Service has announced a Winter Weather Warning for the City of Myrtle Beach. Take appropriate precautions. Follow instructions from emergency personnel. {COMB}

# Systems-of-Systems Approach Each Department May Act As Its "SYSTEM"



### SEAMLESS INTEGRATIONS

Cloud Based Platform That Can Work With (Basically) Any System

- □ <u>Public Safety Programs</u>
- □*Esri*: GIS Mapping Software
- □ *Active Directory:* Used by Human Resources





# SITUATIONAL AWARENESS & THREAT INTELLIGENCE

<u>Departments can monitor City assets, nearby threats and breaking alerts from a gallery of customizable sources.</u>

- Weather Service Alerts
- Power Outage Mapping
- Social Media monitoring and rumor control
- Health Alerts and Exposures
- Supply Chain Disruptions
- Monitoring of City brand and reputation



#### North America Wildfire Monitor 🖸 \*



APAC COVID-19 Monitor

Asia Monitor

Central & South Americ...

Dallas COVID-19 Monitor

Dallas, TX Overview

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX ...

**EMEA COVID-19 Monitor** 

**Europe Monitor** 

Hurricane Tracker - Nor...

Middle East & North Af ...

North America Monitor

North America Severe ...

North America Wildfire ...

#### TX Global: Wildfires (Past 7 days)

Amador & El Dorado Counties, CA: Evacuation Orders and Warnings expanded due to 177,260-acre Caldor Fire east of Omo Ranch; fire 14% contained (Update)

Size: 177,260 acres (~30%/ + 40,617 acre increase since August 26th) Containment: 14%

1 hour ago • Mon Aug 30 2021 10:26:00 AM • published by 8n

Western Oregon: Red Flag Warning issued today for region including Portland, Salem, and Eugene from 1:00-8:00pm PDT

RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 1 PM THIS AFTERNOON TO 8 PM PDT THIS EVENING FOR WIND AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY FOR FIRE WEATHER ZONE 604...The National Weather Service in Portland has issued a Red Flag Warning for wind and low relative humidity, which is in effect from 1.

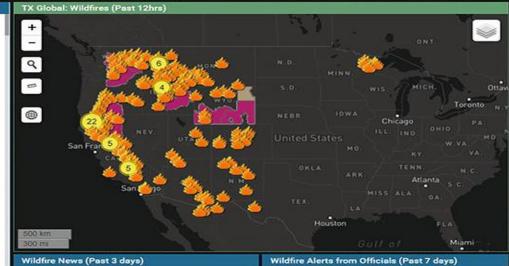
yesterday • Sat Aug 28 2021 2:00:00 PM • published by foreca

Lane County, OR: Middle Fork Complex grows to 17,503 acres with 10% containment; evacuation orders remain in place, new evacuation warnings issued for Oakridge, Westfir and surrounding areas (Update)

Size: 17,503 acres (373% / + 13,800 acres since August 9th)Containment: 10%Level 3 (GO NOW) Evacuation Notices:...

2 days ago • Fri Aug 27 2021 4:19:00 PM • published by regist

Yakima County, WA: Schneider Springs Fire northwest of Naches grows to 75,055 acres with 8% containment; evacuation orders in place (Update)



TRY @CALFIREAEU: Caldor Fire Evacuation Order - 8/30/21 10:00 a.m. https://t.co/CARGD8NAT8

> RT @CALFIREAEU: Caldor Fire Evacuation Order - 8/30/21 10:00 a.m. https://t.co/CARGD8NAT8

KPIX 5(@KPIXtu) August 30 2021

TRY @CAL\_FIRE: Today, 15,958 firefighters remain on the frontlines of 15 active large wildfires that have burned more than 1.7 million acres...

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## WHAT ELSE IS OFFERED

- Multiple TEMPLATES already created to use or create our own depending on the circumstances.
  - City Holidays for example
- 24/7 Technical and Customer Support.
  - City will have the same group of people assigned to it.
- Unlimited Training by Professionals.
  - Don't have to rely on a select few to be Trainers.
- Stats & Analytics
  - We can see how many people are signed up and how often we use the program. Is it being utilized effectively?!

## QUESTIONS???

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