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Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule

Both the Ohio AND Western Pennsylvania schedules are posted: WWW.SBE122.US

The 2023 regional information on EAS testing schedules are posted on our website.

From: Broadcasters' Desktop Resource



by Barry Mishkind

3/3/23 – We are informed that the FEMA still has only an old certificate, which means the RWT on Monday, March 6th will fail.

The FEMA letter states:

EAS Participants,

The last scheduled RWTs (Monday, February 27) went out with an invalid signature. This means your EAS device should have received it but should have rejected it as invalid.

Unfortunately, we will not have the signature issue resolved in time for the next scheduled RWTs (Monday, March 6) so you should expect similar behavior. This issue will be noted in the monthly report for March.

This issue does not affect EAS messages sent by state/local agencies, it only affects the IPAWS automated RWTs.

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FEMA National Continuity Programs

2/27/23 – The FEMA used an expired certificate, hence all the RWTs from IPAWS CAP failed.

2/13/23 – The FCC has released the new 2023 EAS Handbook, which, according to Part 11.15 “... must be located at normal duty positions or EAS equipment location when an operator is required to be on duty, and be immediately accessible to staff responsible for authenticating or originating messages.”

At present the FCC is not planning a Public Notice and, although there is at present no deadline for implementing this new Handbook in control points, you can download a copy now at: <https://www.fcc.gov/file/24607/download>

Stations are reminded that, before posting the new Handbook, there are blank lines in the handbook that are to be filled in locally with the correct information and directions.

2/10/23 – Sage Alerting announced their upgrade to meet the FCC’s 12/12/23 deadline will be ready in June, at a price of \$159.

This will be Rev96 and will require stations to have a Rev95 at any patch level before Rev96 will work. Stations that have purchased a new model 3644 since December 12, 2021 can get a free upgrade.

The Virtual Lunch Gathering!

Each Thursday at 2 PM Eastern, 11 AM Pacific, we get together to discuss topics of interest to broadcasters and learn things.

The meeting is held using Zoom to prevent Zoombombing the URL is not published on the web.

Broadcasters Are Invited, (Go to Barry’s site) To Get An Invite.

Recordings of the meetings are usually posted a day or so afterward.

At this time, they are being posted at Youtube on [theBDRnet channel](#).

(So you can leave the local SBE 122 meeting, and then check into Barry’s meeting for the latest info.)

Thanks to Barry and the BDR, a great source for the latest news of the industry.

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Yes, I'm from Ohio. How did you know?



2023 Elected Officers and Committees

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With the theme, **The SBE and YOU: The Perfect Fit**, the SBE will launch the 2023 Membership Drive on March 1, 2023, running through May 31, 2023. As with Membership Drives in previous years, SBE members are encouraged to recruit new members, and in doing so, the recruiter could win prizes from the SBE and donated by SBE Sustaining Members. The Grand Prize is a trip to the SBE National Meeting in the fall.



The SBE wants your help in recruiting new members, and you can win rewards for your efforts. Sponsor a new Member, Associate Member or Sustaining Member between March 1 and May 31, 2023, and you will be eligible for the prize drawings. For each approved new member application you sponsor you will earn \$5 off your 2024 membership dues, up to \$25. If you recruit three or more Regular or Associate Members, or one Sustaining Member, you will also receive an upgrade to [SBE MemberPlus](#) for the remainder of the 2023 membership period. (If you already hold SBE MemberPlus, the benefit will be added for 2024.)

Each new member application may have only one sponsor. Applications must be received at the SBE National Office between March 1 and May 31, 2023, to be eligible. Drawing for all prizes will be completed by June 25, 2023.

[Complete details of the 2023 Membership Drive](#) are posted on the SBE website.

SBE Certification: Local Chapters

When you are ready to take an SBE exam, please fill out the appropriate [application](#) and send it into the SBE National office (see address below). You will be notified once your application has been approved. Approximately 3 weeks before the exam time, your local certification chairman will receive a list of applicants in his/her area. He/she will then contact those applicants to schedule a date, time and place for the exams. The exams will be mailed back to the National office for grading. The pass/fail grades will then be mailed directly to the applicants.

You may mail, email or fax your applications to:

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Don't forget to check out the SBE website. WWW.SBE.ORG

Some of the info available..

[2023 SBE RF Safety Course](#)

[Last-Mile Solutions for Cloud-Based Broadcasting: Part 2](#)

[Job Security and What to Do If You Are Fired](#)



Gigi Sohn testifies during a Senate Commerce Committee hearing examining her nomination to the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

The Senate Commerce Committee sent President Biden's nomination of consumer advocate Gigi Sohn for a spot on the Federal Communications Commission to the full Senate. Sohn's nomination was advanced with a 14-14 tie vote due to Republican opposition and still needs approval on the Senate floor.

The FCC has been stuck with a 2-2 partisan deadlock for Biden's entire term, but Sohn's confirmation would allow Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel to proceed with items opposed by Republicans. That includes the restoration of net neutrality rules and Title II common-carrier regulation of broadband providers

