

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122
January 2026 NEWSLETTER

REMEMBER SBE 122 has NO official meeting in July, August or December

**Sorry crew.. I wasn't paying attention and was thinking
our meetng was NEXT week instead of THIS WEEK !**

Join us at our next regular meeting at noon **January 8, 2026**



**850 E Western Reserve Rd #8, Youngstown, OH 44514 (330) 758-0544.
(680 at Western Reserve, then west about 1000 feet)**

Reminder: SBE CH 122 has 9 meetings a year.

We have NO official meetings in July-August and December.

SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes

Sorry folk.. We had no December meeting.. So NO Minutes.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The State of Ohio 2026 RMT Schedule PN Stations Reference Guide

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>SOURCE(S)</i>
January	1/14/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-1
February	2/11/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-2
March	3/18/26*	9:50am	CAP + SP-1

*Custom script and date, in conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, covering the RMT requirement for all stations in Ohio in March. If NOAA cancels their test due to potentially severe weather in the state, we will reschedule the RMT for the next day, 3/19/26 at 9:50am, regardless of a NOAA Awareness Week test reschedule.

April	4/08/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-1
May	5/13/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-2
June	6/10/26	3:50am	SP-2
July	7/08/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-1
August	8/12/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-1
September	9/09/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-2
October	10/14/26	3:50am	SP-1
November	11/11/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-1
December	12/09/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-2

Required Monthly Tests originate from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in Columbus at :48 past the hour to ensure delivery by :50 past the hour.

WNCI is the State Primary station (SP-1) gregsavoldi@iheartmedia.com

WBNS-FM is the Alternate SP station (SP-2) greg.armstrong@tegn.com

The SEOC originates RMTs through a combination of CAP via IPAWS and OEAS fiber via OET embedded digital stream, and firewalled G-Net audio codecs to LP stations with legacy Over-The-Air transmission to the 12 Operational Areas across the state. WNCI and WBNS-FM are the lead stations for OTA distribution to all Radio, TV, and Cable operators...statewide.

From: Broadcasters' Desktop Resource

by Barry Mishkind



The BDR Is Celebrating Our 16 th Year Of Dedicated Support For Broadcaster

As always, many great articles to read

News of Interest

12/19/25 – If you plan to let the FCC know your thoughts on the current plan to auction off the C-Band frequencies used by services feeding broadcasters, the [FCC has extended comments on C-Band](#) for 15 days. The Comment deadline is now January 20th, with the Reply Comments due February 18th, 2026.

The larger part of this was in the so-called Big Beautiful Bill passed by Congress earlier this year. However, it seems likely that there may not be anything usable left after the auctions.

12/2 – Not a good week for EAS issues: A number of areas have [reported that CodeRED – used by some cities and counties – is having troubles/interruptions](#). Some officials have said the problem is a cyber-attack on the system's vendor, including users and passwords. The ransomware attack caused a system shutdown, with the vendor reportedly trying to rebuild the system on a newer infrastructure.

11/28 – There was no zombie attack, but for two stations it was enough to get some very nasty audio on the air, including an EAS set of tones (although the tones were way out of date). Reports include stations in [Houston](#) and [Charles City, VA near Richmond](#). NOTICE: If you follow the link, you may click on the feed. It is nasty. So be careful.

At least one other station reported the hack, which did not get on the air. [The FCC issued a Public Notice](#) urging stations to secure their STL codecs.

Curiously, at least one hack seems to have occurred on a unit where the user/password had been changed.

NOTICE of VIOLATION

12/10/25 – A “voluntary contribution” of \$86,400 was agreed to by noncommercial American Public Media Group (APMG), Minnesota Public Radio d/b/a American Public Media, and Southern California Public Radio to cover the use of EAS tones in a BBC program. APMG is the US distributor of BBC programming and fed the broadcast to 46 stations in the three groups, plus as many as 500 stations around the country that took the feed.

Contacting the FAA: The number to call for reporting tower beacon and side-light outages: 1-877-487-6867 (Be sure to get the NOTAM number and call and report when the lights are restored!) Want to check to make sure your NOTAM got into the system? Check out: <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/>

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.

A weekly e-mail report.. and it's FREE

Locally: Nothing new.

We still have, as does many locations across the US, have AM stations having technical / off air problems while still using the FM translators to continue to operate and generate \$\$\$.

(Maybe it's just me and my old ears, but it seems that a "carrier" appears on 830 KHz in the Cortland, Oh area, operates all day with NO audio and shuts off at sunset.)

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Cellular, Inc.	Public Service Cellular
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(leave a message, maybe I'll call)

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Retired/ Semi Homeless, and happy !

(leave a message, but I won't call !)

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SBE Webinars

[Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 4 – Architecture and Integration](#)

[Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 3 – Video Over IP](#)

[Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 2 – Audio Over IP](#)

[A Brief Introduction to SBE Self-Inspection Guides](#)

[Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 1 – IP Fundamentals](#)

The Society of Broadcast Engineers has released new [Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guides](#) for AM, FM, TV and LPFM broadcast stations. The SBE partnered with the National Association of Broadcasters to produce the documents, which are the first part of a planned series to cover all broadcast services. These Guides are designed to aid stations and Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program (ABIP) inspectors in evaluating a broadcast station's compliance with FCC rules and regulations.



NAB Show: April 18-22, 2026

SBE Ennes Workshop @ the NAB Show: April 21-22

Las Vegas, Nevada

[Register for the NAB Show](#)

(SBE members: Use the SBE code **SBENAB26** for a free exhibits-only pass or \$150 off the NAB non-member rate for full conference registration.)

 **The Way We Were Photos**
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The "Time Lady" or the "Speaking Clock"
this lady is in Chicago 1930
The lady would give the time 'live' every 15
seconds before the automated system
arrived in 1937



And just a reminder..

The SHUTDOWN may be over BUT another is scheduled for the end of Jan. 2026.