

International Partnership-Consumer Electronics-Public Alert Technology Alliance

Summary

The worldwide Consumer Electronics Association, which includes more than 2000 worldwide electronic companies, created a standard for alerting consumers to all-hazard emergencies, including earthquakes, tsunamis, tornados, terrorist attacks, chemical spills, etc.

CEA Government and Legal Affairs, the legislative voice for consumer electronics, is committed to advising, lobbying and reporting on federal, state and international CE policy on behalf of our members and industry.

Background

What is required is the participation of both U.S. Department of Homeland Security and FEMA executives and technical staffs *apart* from solely DHS and FEMA outside consultants, some of whom have taken what was provided by PATA members under "public domain" information and showcased it as their own consultant materials with applied fees. There has also been a question at times of misrepresenting technical standards adopted on behalf of the public under partnerships between PATA and other federal agencies (i.e. U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA), or actually claiming such open public standards were not complete or developed by a standard setting organization. CEA is fully recognized as a global standard setting organization.

Description

At any time many Public Alert Technology Alliance members are prepared to work together with DHS and FEMA again to establish consumer and commercial emergency communication, imaging, and network adoptions to further improve both U.S. and international technical standards. Those processes may be both with CEA and outside CEA existing standards as no member can speak for the entire body and the DHS and FEMA should contact CEA directly for contact among members.

Newer and more broad-based digital Emergency Alert System event codes and CAP digital multi-language processing (including those used in consumer and commercial communication devices) were established under CEA technical standards and in working groups from 2004-2010.

Requirements for Success

Successful partnerships with the Consumer Electronic Association's 'Public Alert Technology Alliance' are not been dependent upon federal funding or specialized staffs as the costs and staffs incurred are offset by global private business and research companies supporting public security internationally and also through private sector grants and/or under internal non-profit business segments.

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