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Abstract

This Standard defines the testing of the interface between the Federal Alert Gateway and the Commercial Mobile Service Provider (CMSP) Gateway for WEA alerts based upon the requirements in ATIS-0700037, *Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) 3.0 Federal Alert Gateway to CMSP Gateway Interface Specification*.

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Preface

The authority-to-individual emergency alerting capability to mobile devices was originally called Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) in the first three Reports and Orders from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This standard was originally developed based upon the CMAS terminology and CMAS was operational in April 2012. However, in February 2013, the FCC renamed Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) to Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) with associated updates to the appropriate sections of Part 11 of the 47 CFR. Subsequently, the FCC has issued additional enhancements and rules for this government-to-individual emergency alerting capability to mobile devices, and these are identified as modifications to WEA.

Consequently, this specification may use both the term CMAS and the term WEA. These terms should be considered as equivalent terms, with WEA being the preferred term.

This specification contains references to the uniquely numbered requirements in ATIS-0700037 [Ref 1]. Any requirements which have been added, modified, or deleted from the eWEA version of the C-Interface specification will have suffixes applied to their requirement numbers. Any new requirements will have a suffix of R3A in the format of [WEA-C-RQMT-nnnnR3A]. Any modified requirements will have a suffix of R3M in the format of [WEA-C-RQMT-nnnnR3M]. Any deleted requirements will have a suffix of R3D in the format of [WEA-C-RQMT-nnnnR3D].

This ATIS specification is the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) 3.0 standard for the testing of the WEA Federal Alert Gateway to CMSP Gateway interface, and it is based upon the requirements in ATIS-0700037 [Ref 1]. This ATIS specification supersedes ATIS-0700038, *Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) 3.0 Federal Alert Gateway to CMSP Gateway Interface Test Specification*. Any assumptions, requirements, and test cases from the previous version of ATIS-0700038 applicable in WEA 3.0 are included in this test specification.

The regulatory background is described in detail in the Service Description in ATIS-0700035 [Ref 100].

1 Scope, Purpose, & Application

1.1 Scope

This Standard defines operational testing procedures for the communications between the Federal Alert Gateway and the Commercial Mobile Service Provider (CMSP) Gateway over the C-Interface. This includes operational testing of all processing functionality within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-administered WEA entities and the CMSP-administered WEA entities that directly impacts communications over the C-Interface. Operational testing of all other processing within the FEMA and CMSP entities including the CMSP infrastructure is beyond the scope of this Standard.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of interface testing is to evaluate whether systems or components transmit data and control information correctly to each other. In addition, the tests defined in this Standard may be used during regression testing when updates are made to either the Federal Alert Gateway or the CMSP Gateway.

Specifically, ATIS-0700038 [Ref 1] defines a set of tests to verify the following minimal set of functionalities during interface and regression testing:

- Ability to complete the C-Interface startup procedures.
- Ability to bring up the IP Security (IPSec) tunnel.