

The cable industry is a full partner in the EAS system.

1. The rules specify that the EAS messages that are required to be carried are to be aired on all downstream channels. To do this however the method varies depending on the type of system.
2. Due to the nature of the cable industry, the EAS decoders are usually all left in the "automatic mode".
3. **Analog Cable Systems.** Once a required message or a message the cable operator has programmed to auto forward is received, the audio is interrupted with the message and a crawl is generated with the protocol text. This will occur on all downstream channels on the system.
4. **Digital Cable Systems.** Once a required message or a message the cable operator has programmed to auto forward is received, the system will address all the "set-top" boxes to change its channel to the designated "EAS Detail Channel". This channel will display the EAS protocol message and play the audio message for a period of 15 minutes. The desk-top receiver can at anytime be switched to another channel by the viewer.