



Mass notification system with incident communications

IPAWS VS COMMUNITY ALERTS

Alert System (EAS or WEA) Checklist for Alert Originators

In general, the following conditions should be considered in determining whether the issuance of an EAS or WEA is warranted:

EAS / WEA Activation Checklist

YES

NO

Is this a sudden, unforeseen, or unpredictable situation?

Does the situation pose an imminent threat to life or property?

Does the situation have the potential to adversely affect a significant population or geographic area?

Are other means of disseminating information inadequate to ensure rapid delivery of the information?

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Examples of Community Alerts

- Community Event Updates
- Community Safety Alerts
- Miscellaneous
- Runaways from juvenile facilities
- Bar None / Nexus / Lino Lakes Juvenile Center



Select Template

Search template and scenario

Individual Incidents

Community Alerts



IPAWS



Select a template from the list to get started.

DECEMBER 29, 2026 GAS LEAK

SENT 12/29/2025 02:31:33 EXPIRES 12/29/2025 04:44:45

HEADLINE EN
Evacuation

AREA
Anoka, MN

SENDER
200627,Anoka County - Resident,Anoka County Emergency Communications Center

WEA 360CH EN
Anoka County Sheriff's Office: Natural gas leak. at Northern Natural Gas 14371 7th Avenue NW Andover. EVACUATE NOW area of Bunker Lake Blvd north to 144th Lane NW east to Blackfoot St NW in the city of Andover. Evacuate to Anoka High School 3939 7th Ave Anoka.

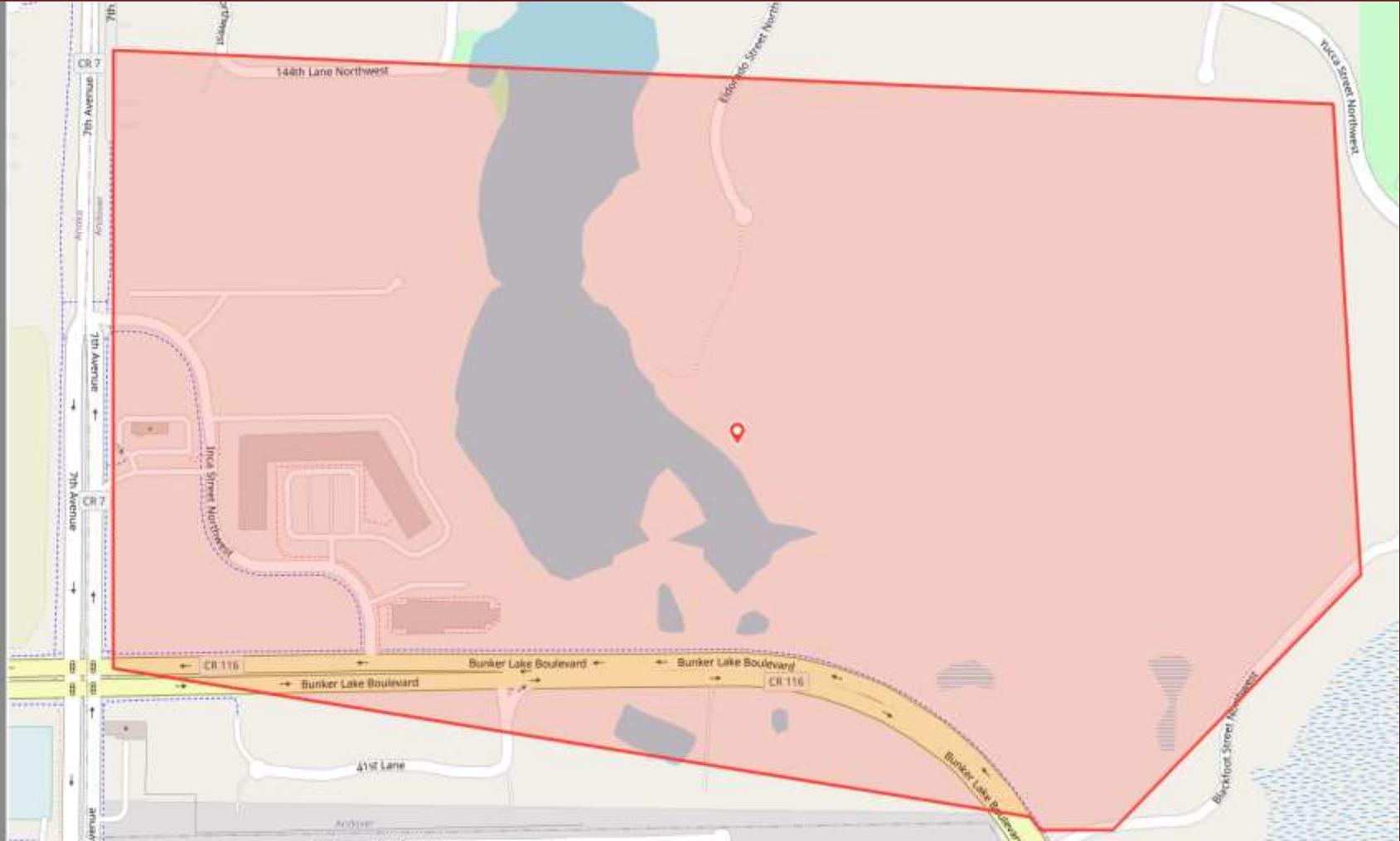
WEA 90CH EN
ACSO: Natural gas leak.. EVACUATE NOW if within one half mile of 14371 7th Ave NW Andover

INSTRUCTIONS EN
Evacuate to Anoka High School, 3939 7th Ave Anoka.

ID
b1dbe8c2

ALERT HISTORY (2)

ORIGINAL Evacuation



DECEMBER 30, 2026 GAS INCIDENT

NOTIFICATION DETAILS:

Community Alerts: Subscriptions



Auto Refresh

Sent Notification ID: 2310934534227819

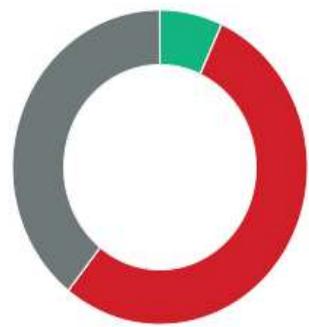
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Details

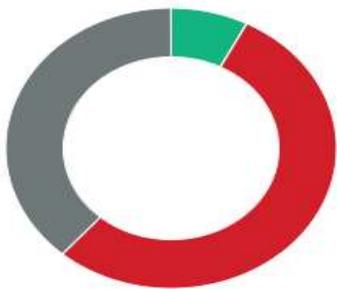
Message

Community Alerts: Subscriptions

Anoka County Emergency Management Update – No gas leaks have been found in the area per CenterPoint. CenterPoint is responding with additional equipment to broaden their search in the area for any gas leaks. Previous reports of a chemical spill were unfounded. Utility companies are continuing to monitor the area and Emergency Services continue to standby in the area to respond. Do not call 9-1-1 for updates.



- 2762 - Confirmed
- 0 - Confirmed Late
- 21576 - Unreachable
- 15768 - Not Confirmed



- 3034 - Confirmed
- 0 - Confirmed Late
- 21596 - Unreachable
- 15476 - Not Confirmed

Notification Mode: Live

Notification Type: Standard

Imminent Threat to Life: No

Priority Greeting: No

Sent From: Web Manager Portal

Start: Dec 30, 2025 19:38:02 CST

End: Dec 31, 2025 19:38:02 CST

Sent by: Amber Kockelman

Sent to: 40106 contacts

Voice Recording: None

Message Format: Text

Escalation: No

Incident Subscribers: No

COMMUNITY ALERTS

Parade cancelled

Fireworks postponed / cancelled

Weather related event cancellation

Unexpected road closure

Boil water advisory

Public Safety update – doesn't meet IPAWS criteria

BENEFITS

Opt-In

Choose the type of alert(s) you want to receive

Alerts received via text or email (phone call)

Alerts received regardless of your location

IPAWS is location based

Even if you have your own mass alerting application -
we can do this afterhours for you at no cost

WHAT WE NEED

Communities need to contact ECC

Communities need to promote this to your citizens

Representatives meet with our ECC to choose your alerts

Residents sign up via a link

Residents select which alerts they want to receive

THANK YOU

For additional information or to sign our city up:

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