



# Marine Corps Mass Notifications System (MCMNS)

In the event of an emergency, the Marine Corps Mass Notification System (MCMNS) provides real-time alerts to the Marine Corps community throughout the lifecycle of the incident/crisis or installation closure through three (3) methods:

## 3 Methods

- 1 Giant Voice (GV)—A voice announcing system using exterior speakers, commonly termed “Giant Voice,” that provides real-time information or instructions to most outdoor areas.
- 2 Interior Voice (IV)—Interior speakers or sirens in individual buildings that provide real-time information or instruction to building occupants or personnel in the immediate vicinity of a building, including exterior entrances and gathering areas.
- 3 Enterprise Mass Notification System (eMNS)—An interactive, community notification system capable of providing voice and/or data messages to multiple, designated receivers through:
  - » **Desktop Notification** – An intrusive, administrative broadcast across Marine Corps computer networks that overrides current applications, thereby reaching all Marine Corps users almost instantly. It works whenever you are logged in to your Non-secure Internet Protocol (IP) Router (NIPR) computer.
  - » **Email Alerts** – A process which sends emergency notification messages via email messages to designated recipients.

- » **SMS Texting** – A process which sends emergency notification messages via SMS texting protocols, typically to mobile devices.
- » **Telephone** – A process which sends emergency voice notifications to designated recipients via telephone – landline or mobile, work or personal.
- » **Social Media** – A process which sends emergency notifications via social media to recipients who are users of the respective applications. These messages appear on smart mobile phones, tablet computers, and/or desktop computers which are connected to the respective social media application.
- » **Smart Phone App** – Smart phones can receive alerts through several means highlighted above, as well as through downloading a free eMNS mobile notifier application. (Note: eMNS Mobile Notifier use is installation dependent. If used at your installation, see ATHOC Notifier™ Mobile Quick-Start Instructions.)
- » **Automated Response Option** – Some Mass Notification messages may require an automated response from the Marine, Civilian Marine, or Contractor (e.g. “(#1)

Recall acknowledged, will report immediately, (#2) Recall acknowledged, will report in 30 minutes, (#3) Message received”). Family members should NEVER select an automated response option. Once a recipient acknowledges a message through an automated response option, attempts to notify the intended individual will cease and this may prevent notification via additional phone numbers or emails.

## Benefits

- Registration enhances your safety and empowers you to react in times of crisis.
- Registration ensures that real-time alerts provide information to you and your family on what to do and where to go in an emergency.
- Registration allows you to find out about base closures due to weather or an emergency, before you show up.
- Registration permits you to be notified when it is clear/safe to return to the installation.
- Depending on the situation, the system continues sending notifications to the various mediums a user has selected until it can confirm receipt of the message.
- The eMNS system can isolate alerts to specific, affected geographic areas or commands.

**Set your own course through any hazard: stay informed, make a plan, build a kit. Live Ready Marine Corps.**