

GRIFFON **ALERT**

emergency notification system

GRIFFON ALERT WILL BE USED FOR:

- Tornado warnings
- Bomb threat and other emergency evacuations
- Active shooter on campus
- Shelter-in-place due to outdoor hazards (e.g. Hazardous material spills)
- Campus closing and classes canceled due to weather or other circumstances
- An all clear declaration
- Testing of the system

GRIFFON ALERT WILL NOT BE USED FOR:

- Daily emergencies
- Fire evacuations (systems exist in all public buildings)
- Advertising
- Promotions
- Personal messaging

Griffon Alert is comprised of:

- Text messaging and E-mail
- Voice messaging
- Alert beacons
- Outdoor Public Address Systems and light strobes
- Missouri Western Television interrupt

Griffon Alert Text Messages:

Any student, faculty or staff having a current E-mail account at Missouri Western can sign up to receive text and/or E-mail notifications. Alerts may be delivered to cell phone, RSS feed, PDA, e-mail, or text pager. As a user of the system, you are responsible for messaging charges by your service provider and are like any other text message charge you might incur. You may sign up for up to two devices to receive messages and for two E-mail accounts. Sign up for both text and E-mail notices, or just E-mail. However, E-mail messages are not considered emergency notification. **To sign up for this service go to: <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/griffonalert/>**

Voice Messages:

Simultaneously as text and E-mail messages are sent, voice messages are sent to specified phones within each department on campus, to VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) phones in all classrooms on campus and to selected key personnel phones. The voice messages are digitally created and will deliver a similar message to that received by text and E-mail. Faculty, staff, student staff and persons receiving the voice alerts should re-think the way we answer our phones. Because this system is computer generated, there are initial and other delays when receiving the message. This is much the same as telemarketing programs that many get accustomed to hanging up on. If you are answering a phone that could receive a Griffon Alert message, the message will have a long pause and then state "Griffon Alert", pause and then the message will be heard. The system will also ask for you to acknowledge receipt of the message by pressing the # key. When answering a listed phone, be patient, wait for the message and acknowledge.

VOIP phones in the classroom may also be used for emergency outbound calls only by dialing 911. This will connect with the St. Joseph Police Department



VOIP phone

Communications Center for Fire, EMS and Missouri Western Police dispatch. The outbound features of this phone are restricted to 911 calls only.

Alert Beacons:

Alert beacons with voice annunciators are located in the halls of most buildings at Missouri Western. When a message is being delivered, the beacon will light up with flashing lights and an emergency sound will be emitted from the beacon to gain initial attention. After a brief time, the sounder volume will decrease allowing a voice annunciator above the beacon to be heard. The message being delivered will be heard from a digitally produced voice. The message will also be displayed in text form on an LED screen located on the front of the beacon.



LED Screen on beacons

Outdoor Public Address Systems and Light Strobes:

Whenever an alert message is being delivered through Griffon Alert, several outdoor public address (PA) systems will provide a digitally produced voice of the warning to persons outdoors. Missouri Western is comprised of over 700 acres. The PA systems are designed to reach outdoor areas on the main campus and in the residential hall areas and will not be heard on all areas of the campus. White outdoor strobes are located on the campus buildings to further warn campus outdoor occupants that some type of warning is being issued and that they should investigate further.



Light Strobes





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Griffon Alert is a comprehensive, redundant, emergency notification system at Missouri Western State University. The system is activated by the Missouri Western Police Department and is designed to be used for emergencies on campus that affect or could affect multiple persons and/or cause significant infrastructure or property damage.

Missouri Western Television Interrupt:

Whenever Griffon Alert is activated, the television monitors in the hallways in the academic buildings will be interrupted with a text message placed on the screen advising of the warning.

Griffon Alert cannot be activated unless MWSU Police know of the problem. Call 911, or 271-4438, or use an emergency phone as listed below:

- One on each side of Scanlon Hall
- One between Leaverton and Vaselakos Halls
- One on the east side of the Commons
- One in the north end of Lot H
- One in Lot J
- One in Lot K
- One by the Clock Tower
- One between Blum Union and Hearnes Center

**Questions about Griffon Alert?
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