

Emergency Notification System Now Available at SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre has recently adopted a new notification system that enables SWOSU to send emergency news to cell phones.

The notification system will be used to communicate important information during any potential emergency, such as a homeland security advisory or weather warning, for example.

Rick Bolar, director of public safety at SWOSU, said university employees and students can sign up for the free service at www.swosu.edu/resources/alert.asp or by going to one of the following web pages and clicking the "SWOSU Alert" logo: Current Students, Faculty and Staff, Sayre Current Students and Department of Public Safety. Once the person signs up for the service, SWOSU will be able to text message the cell phone with timely information about emergencies.

The new system, powered by e2Campus, enables SWOSU officials to send instant alerts directly to registered subscribers' email accounts and mobile phones via SMS text messages. Bolar said SWOSU plans to use the system only for emergency situations.

Bolar encourages the entire SWOSU community to register.

Depending on the person's cell phone plan, there may be a nominal fee from the carrier to receive text messages, but there is no charge from SWOSU to use the service.

Students should also check with their instructors to determine the class policy for leaving all cell phones on and in the silent mode during class.