



Community Emergency Notification System (CENS)

The Community Emergency Notification System (CENS) is a telephone-based system designed to alert and provide emergency instructions to the general public, by placing phone calls from the government to private party phone numbers. Once a public safety official determines that there is a need to alert at-risk citizens, he or she can request activation of a CENS plan. CENS has the capacity to deliver up to 2,000 emergency-instruction messages per minute to those of us who may be at risk of an impending emergency.