

2.2 Notification

Kensington has elected to be notified upon the declaration of an UNUSUAL EVENT. The Rockingham County Dispatch Center (RCDC) will initiate UNUSUAL EVENT notification to Kensington through the Police Officer On Duty or On Call. Kensington maintains 24-hour police coverage with an officer either in the police office, or vehicle, or on call. During duty hours, the Police Department maintains continuous communications with town, county, and state law enforcement agencies. During on call hours, the officer on call will be notified by pocket voice pager or telephone. To cover the possibility of a police officer not being available, a secondary notification path is in place. Simultaneous direct notification from RCDC also goes via pocket voice pager to the Kensington Selectmen and the Emergency Management Director.

After receiving and/or verifying any emergency notification message, the police will contact key members of the Kensington emergency response organization to notify them of the emergency situation. The fan-out scheme is outlined in Figure 2.2-1. The people to be notified include:

- Selectmen
- Emergency Management Director
- Fire Chief
- Transportation Coordinator
- RADEF Officer
- Health Officer
- Road Agent
- Town Clerk

Support positions will be staffed by available personnel based on the Emergency Classification Level.

Six sirens located in Kensington which are used for public alerting are listed in Table 2.2-1. Their locations are shown on the Siren Location Map in the EOC. In addition to the siren system described above, one air horn is located at the Fire Station. It is hard wire controlled. Although not part of the Official Public Alert and Notification System, this air horn can be used as back-up. A complete description of the siren system is contained in Volume 20, Section 2.5. Sirens located in neighboring communities provide additional coverage in Kensington.