

WLIO-TV/NBC Lima's Closing and Public Notification System



Early in 2008, WLIO-TV will be changing the way we accept closings and notifications from the public, during bad weather or other emergencies.

The closings and notifications will be seen on NBC analog, the new WLIO-DT Channel 8 Digital NBC, and WLIO-CW.

We will be switching all Code Numbers, as well as the method in which you contact us for closings and notifications. If you have a code with letters in it, it will not work after the new launch date.

There will be a new telephone number you need to call for notification. The number will be displayed on the new card.

WLIO has spent more than \$100,000 for this new system, and we are hopeful with the cooperation of the users of the system, we can make this very beneficial to all viewers of the WLIO stations and web site.

We are making this change to better serve the viewers in our area. With the addition of our digital station, and The CW Network, we are now reaching more people, in more communities. We will install this new system and have it operational February 2008.

Who do I contact for Help or Questions?

If you have qualification or use questions, contact Lon Tegels 419-228-8835 (ext 1023)

If you have a technical question you can contact Fred Vobbe (ext 1034) during daytime business hours, or Steve Faul (ext 1037) during the evening. They will answer technical questions, but they can not post your notification to the system nor make the judgment if your organization qualifies.

What Areas Will We Cover?

The counties of Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, and Van Wert.

Who Qualifies for ON AIR and Web Site displays?

- Public, Private, or Parochial School with fifty or more students. The Superintendent, Athletic Director, and Music Director should each have separate cards.
- Daycare centers with fifty or more children on a regular basis
- Businesses, Manufacturers, or Factories with more than fifty employees.
- Not-For-Profit organizations with more than fifty members.
- Sporting event, seasonal program, or public performance event which would impact fifty or more participants.
- Sheriff, City/Village Police & Fire Departments, or County Emergency Manager.

Who Qualifies for Web Site only displays?

Due to the overwhelming demand for cancellation requests during winter storms, WLIO-TV must limit the number of entries that will be crawled across the screen. If every request was put on the screen, it would take 47 minutes to go from A to Z! You can still get your event or meeting on our Web Site, by pre-registering.

- Public, Private, or Parochial School with less than fifty students.
- Businesses, Manufacturers, or Factories with less than 50 employees
- Athletic practices, after school functions, school band practice involving less than 50 students.
- Not-For-Profit organizations with less than 50 members or appointments.
- Fraternal club organizations, scouting, service clubs, or special interest organizations with less than 50 members.
- Daycares with more than 15 children.
- Doctors offices or health organizations with 15 or more patients scheduled on the day.

We will only accept cancellation requests from organizations that are PRE REGISTERED. WLIO-TV is not responsible for the inability to get your notification on the air due to calling the station on the day of the event. It could take up to 72 hours to get your registration completed. Do not apply if you do not qualify! All applications are checked for authenticity. Applications which are not truthful will be rejected or may be reported to the authorities.

How will Listings be displayed?

- Schools will be listed as Closed, 1 hour delay, 2 hour delay, 3 hour delay, with addendums of “No morning Kindergarten” or “Early Release”.
- Business, Daycare Centers, and Doctors offices will be listed as “Closed”.
- Events will be listed as “Cancelled” or “Postponed”, (reschedule dates not listed).
- Businesses, Manufacturers, or Factories will have choices of “Closed”, “No 1st shift”, “No 2nd Shift”, “No 3rd shift”
- Fraternal organizations, scouting, service clubs, athletic practices, after school functions, school band practice will be listed as “Cancelled”
- Sheriff, City/Village Police & Fire Departments, or County Emergency Manager can list “Level 1 Snow Alert”, “Level 2 Snow Alert”, or “Level 3 Snow Alert”.

While the displays look different on our NBC and CW stations, the information will be identical. The information on the air will also be directed to the WLIO web site.

WLIO transmits on channel 35 with NBC. On our channel 8 digital you can see the closings on channel 8.1 (NBC), or 8.2 (The CW). We’re also on various cable systems in the 12 county area. See the enclosed list for exact channel location, or www.wlio.net

When will they be Listed?

If there are more than five listings requested, they will run on the air from 5:00AM to 10AM. In the event of severe weather emergencies, the listings will also run at various times throughout the broadcast day

Level 1-3 Alerts by law enforcement will be listed as they are issued. All others will be displayed on our web site, www.wlio.com

How do I get my notifications on?

Call the Closing System using the telephone number on the card, or log onto the WLIO Closings web site. Enter your access code, then your password, and then you are free to make changes in your status. Do not call the WLIO-TV newsroom or offices. Our on-air employees and office staff will not be able to take a verbal notifications. This is why it is very important that you are pre-registered in the system as soon as possible!

Is Further Attention Necessary?

If your message needs changed at any time, you must call again and change or update your message.

For example, if you are a school system and have posted a 2-Hour Delay, then decide to cancel; you need to call back in to change that message.

If you are law enforcement, and presently have your county at Level 1 Snow Alert, and you need to go to Level 2 or cancel the alert, you have to call back in and change it.

Remember, the public determines their actions by how you use the system. WLIO does not change listings based on FAX messages, e-mail, or telephone calls.

How do you register for a Card?

Fill out the form on the next page, and send it back to WLIO Television. Our address is 1424 Rice Avenue, Lima OH 45805. You can also FAX it to 419-229-2756. This is an office FAX and must not be used for sending a notification to us.

WLIO is not responsible for applications not being submitted. Remember, old cards will not work after February 1, 2008.

If you loose your card, please call us so we can change your password! WLIO is not responsible for students or unauthorized persons getting your information and making changes. Card holders are responsible for the security of code numbers issued.

Should you have a breach of security, please contact us as soon as possible.

Application for Closing System Card

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Category: _____ Number of People Served: _____

List all the people who will need to have access cards. **PRINT** clearly

1. Name: _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

2. Name: _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

3. Name: _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Athletic Director ...

Name: _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Music Department ...

Name: _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Community	County	Company	NBC 35	NBC-HD 8.1	The CW 8.2
Ada	Hardin	Time Warner	9		
Anna	Shelby	Time Warner	19		
Bellefontaine	Logan	Charter Cable	5		
Benton Ridge	Hancock	BR Cable	44		
Bluffton	Allen	Time Warner	9		8
Carey	Wyandot	Time Warner	8		
Coldwater	Auglaize	NKTELCO	12		
Coldwater	Mercer	Time Warner	4		
Columbus Grove	Putnam	Q1 Technologies	20	5	61
Columbus Grove	Allen	Time Warner	5	735	51
Continental	Putnam	Q1 Technologies	5		61
Defiance	Drake	Time Warner	18		
Delphos	Allen	Time Warner	4	735	51
Deshler	Henry	Time Warner	18		
Dunkirk	Hardin	Time Warner	7		
Findlay	Hancock	Time Warner	4		
Fostoria	Seneca	Time Warner	4		
Ft Jennings	Putnam	FJ Communications	10		47
Ft Recovery	Mercer	Insight Comm.	12		
Gilboa	Putnam	Q1 Tech	5		61
Kalida	Putnam	Kalida Telco	10		47
Kenton	Hardin	Time Warner	11		
Larue	Marion	Time Warner	11		
Leipsic	Putnam	Q1 Tech	5		61
Lima	Allen	Time Warner	5	735	3
Cridersville	Allen	WATCH	5/35		6
Miller City	Putnam	Q1 Tech	5		61
Minster	Mercer	Time Warner	4		
New Knoxville	Auglaize	NKTELCO	12		17
ONU Campus	Hardin	ONU Cable	9		4
Ottawa	Allen	Time Warner	5	735	51
Ottoville	Putnam	OTEC Communications	10		47
Pandora	Putnam	Q1 Tech	5		61
Piqua	Miami	Time Warner	19		
Ridgeville Corners	Henry	RTEC Communications	22		
Rockford	Mercer	Time Warner	4		
Sherwood	Defiance	Shertel Cable	40		
Sidney	Shelby	Time Warner	19		
St Marys	Aulgaize	Time Warner	3	735	13
St Marys	Auglaize	TSC Cable	3		9
St Paris	Champaign	Time Warner	19		
Troy	Miami	Time Warner	19		
Upper Sandusky	Wyandot	Time Warner	?		
Urbana	Champaign	Time Warner	?		
Van Wert	Van Wert	Time Warner	4		
Wapakoneta	Aulgaize	Time Warner	3	735	13
Wapakoneta	Auglaize	TSC Cable	3		9
Waterville	Lucas	Time Warner	?		
Waynesfield	Aulgaize	Time Warner	3	735	13

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