



KXPB-LP 89.1 FM

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“This is a test. It is only a test of the AHAB system. If you are in a low coastal area, follow evacuation routes immediately! Do not delay! Do not return until directed to do so. If this had been a real emergency, you should tune into your local radio stations for further instructions. This was only a test.”

That is the message heard from the AHAB sirens located throughout our coastal communities.

Within this message, the instruction to “tune into your local radio station for further instructions” has been misleading, as it has not been feasible when KXPB’s normal broadcasting studio is crippled during times of prolonged power outages and downed phone lines. In order to air emergency information in a safe, reliable and around-the-clock manner, we will soon have that problem solved!

We are very close to the completion of an Emergency Broadcasting Station (EBS) located at the Grays Harbor Fire District #8 fire station, which is home to the broadcasting transmitter and antenna for KXPB. With dedicated emergency generator electrical circuitry being installed, due to be completed this week, the EBS will be set up and tested within the following two weeks. We will then be ready to hold training sessions for those in our community who would like to be part of the EBS on-air staff.

Consider this your invitation to volunteer as an EBS staffer - a way to truly make a difference for those in the North Beach community during emergency situations. This could very well be a matter of survival for your friends and neighbors! To receive a link to the sign up form, send an email message to: ebs@kxpbradio.com

The realization is there will be temporary transportation problems for many, due to roadway / bridge damage / closures in the more severe situations. ALL persons, regardless of their immediate location, are encouraged to be part of the EBS staff so we have a sizable pool of trained personnel available to relieve those who are nearby and likely to spend long hours ‘manning the board’.

A combined effort, involving KXPB, GHFD #8 and related local emergency-responder personnel, this project was originally proposed back in 2006. Since then, it had been brought up a number of times, without action being taken. It is now about to become a reality, unanimously supported by those who are aware of the undertaking. Thanks go out to the Seabrook Community Foundation for helping to get most all of the equipment needed to assemble the EBS. Thanks also to Fire Chief John Collum, the GHFD #8 Fire Commissioners and Business Administration. Many individuals and business owners who have donated funds, seeing this project as a necessity for our remote North Beach area, are also owed words of appreciation for their support. Thank you, everybody!

The EBS has a separate account with the M.A.A.P. Foundation. All donations made through M.A.A.P. to help fund the project are tax-deductable and are greatly appreciated. Donations can be made via PayPal (including Debit or Credit card, even if you don’t have a PayPal account) through: [GHFD #8](#) or [KXPB Radio](#). Make sure to note in the ‘Message to Seller’ the donation is for EBS.

Our hope is to have everyone involved with the EBS. Volunteer as a ‘staffer’. Donate to the project. Or... do both and really make a difference when it’s most needed!