

## PRE-ALERT NOTICE

**To:** Georgia PSAP Directors

**GA-TERT Members / Team Leaders** 

GECA and GEMA/HS Staff

From: Jonathan Jones, GA-TERT Deputy State Coordinator

**RE:** Pre-Alert Notice for Hurricane Ian

**Date:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Ian is currently a Category 3 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph. Ian is now forecast to make landfall over west-central Florida tomorrow and is expected to impact Georgia as a tropical storm on Friday and Saturday before exiting the state on Sunday.

Members of the Georgia Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (GA-TERT) are hereby placed in "PRE-ALERT" status and should begin to consider their availability for possible deployment. In the event a request for assistance is received, we will quickly notify members and attempt to meet the needs of the request.

It is imperative that all credentialed team members login to the GA TERT portal (<a href="www.gatert.org">www.gatert.org</a>) to confirm the data in their profile, including contact and salary information. Members are also encouraged to view the pre-deployment checklist and familiarize themselves with the program guidelines.

As a reminder, all requests for a GA-TERT deployment must come through the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority at the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) and be closely coordinated with local government and PSAPs.

Emergency Telecommunicators who wish to join the GA-TERT in anticipation of this storm should review the requirements and submit their application as soon as possible at <a href="https://gatert.org/join-georgia-tert/">https://gatert.org/join-georgia-tert/</a>.

The mission of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority is to facilitate the effective and efficient operation of 911 and emergency communications across the state, with the vision to be the No. 1 state in the nation for innovation in training, technology, and standards for 911 and emergency communications.