



Missouri First Informers Broadcast Act



In 2016, Missouri lawmakers approved Senate Bill 732, known as the “First Informer Broadcasters Act” (MOFIB) which recognizes the potential need for broadcasters to restore, repair or resupply facilities used for broadcasting essential disaster-related public information programming following a disaster.

In accordance with SB 732, the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Missouri Department of Public Safety have established a program for training and certifying broadcast engineers and technical personnel to allow them to act as first informer broadcasters if the need arises.

To prepare and certify as a First Informer Broadcaster, please complete the following steps:

1. Fill out and return a completed **Request for Issue** application.
2. Fill out and return a completed **Employment Verification** form for each employee.
3. Provide a copy of one form of government issued photo identification (i.e., Driver’s License).
4. Complete a background check through the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Automated Criminal History System (MACHS)
<https://www.machs.mshp.dps.mo.gov/MocchWebInterface/home.html>
5. Complete [FEMA training IS-100.C](#): Introduction to Incident Command. Provide a copy of completion certificate.
6. Complete [FEMA training IS-700.B](#): National Incident Management System (NIMS). Provide a copy of completion certificate.
7. Provide a headshot in .jpg format to be used for your MOFIB I.D. card.*

All forms should be returned to the Missouri Broadcasters Association for processing by mail, fax or email.

Upon completion of the training, an identification card and certificate will be issued for the First Informer Broadcaster. Local Emergency Management will be notified of your presence in their jurisdiction. You will be provided with contact information in order to inform your local emergency management agency of your First Informer Broadcaster status.

*The MOFIB Identification Card does not eliminate the legal responsibility or authority of public officials, including law enforcement officers, National Guard or other authorized personnel to safeguard lives and property. In the event of an emergency and the need to access broadcast facilities, First Informer Broadcasters shall make reasonable efforts to contact the relevant local authority before entering an affected area.