

# Marion County, Indiana



## A Growing Population Coupled with Increased Maintenance Demands Prompts Marion County to Expand and Update Public Alerting and Notification Capabilities

Marion County covers an area of approximately 400 square miles, and is home to Indianapolis, the 12th largest city in the U.S. Like most major Midwest cities their primary alerting and notification concerns are driven by the threat of natural disasters such as tornadoes and violent thunderstorms rather than man-made events. By the same token, however, Marion County still shares many of the same concerns of other large metropolitan areas with regards to crime, fire prevention, industrial accidents and potential terrorist targets. As is typically the case with sizeable population centers, the county is also faced with accommodating the public alerting/notification requirements of several major professional sports venues, large educational institutions, significant airport footprints and numerous industrial complexes.

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## Webber International University



**Federal Signal SmartMsg solution provides secure, reliable, redundant, and scalable messaging**

Webber International University based in Babson Park, Florida, highlights Federal Signal's robust comprehensive campus safety and security system. Webber demonstrates the scalability of these robust public safety systems. Whether it's 600 students or 60,000, the need for rapid notification in the event of an emergency is the same. The Webber deployment also demonstrates that no matter how safe you are – and they're as safe as college campuses get – you still need to think about the unthinkable and have a plan to deal with it.

Webber International University President Rex R. Yentes said, "We're very grateful to Federal. They have installed a great system for us. It's one of those things you hope you never need, but you're glad you have just in case. Their timing just couldn't have been better. We just rolled out degrees in security management. Now we don't have to take the students on a field trip to show them a state of the art mass notification system."

## University of Texas at Austin



**Modulator 360°  
Omni-directional  
Voice-Capable Siren.  
106-125 dB output**

Federal Signal's campus safety and security system helps protect and warn more than 70,000 students, faculty and staff that are a part of the University of Texas at Austin campus community that spans over 350 acre area.

The system is made up of directional array speakers (DSA), which have the capability of producing tone-alerts and voice announcements that are strategically placed to help insure coverage of the whole campus. The DSA's are controlled by the Federal Signal UltraVoice electronic siren controllers that offer unparalleled voice reproduction of live or recorded voice messages. The campus police control the system via the Federal Commander digital software package that offers secure activation and status monitoring of the siren system from central computer.

The University of Texas at Austin system notifies the campus community, neighboring residences and businesses in the event of unsafe conditions outside.

## Duke University



**Directional Voice  
Capable Siren.  
111-121 dB output**

Combining outdoor notification systems with personal notification systems, Duke University successfully launched its new network of sirens with speakers on 40-foot-tall poles at seven locations across West, Central and East campuses, as well as near the Sarah P. Duke Gardens and the medical campus. The devices can blast warning tones and voice messages to alert people who are outdoors during life-threatening emergencies. The messages will tell listeners to find secure shelter or take other action. The warning sirens, provided by Federal Signal Corporation, are intended to broadcast notification in genuine emergencies.

Scott Gorlick, a sophomore at Duke, praised the outdoor siren system as a way to improve the overall safety of the community. "Students could know, OK, let's go back to our rooms or OK, let's go to a secure area so that we don't have to worry about the safety of us as students and faculty and staff," he said. "And I think this will improve Duke-Durham relations and make Durham a safer place overall."

Associate Vice Chancellor Aaron Graves said seven speakers are positioned around campus. They emit a variety of siren sounds that can be mixed so as not to be confused with the sound of a police or ambulance siren. Graves said the sound, which measures about 72 decibels, can travel half a mile.

## Fayetteville State University

With more than 6,000 students, faculty and staff on campus, Fayetteville State University identified a mission-critical need for campus wide alerting to keep people safe and secure. The Federal Signal campus safety and security solution includes an electronic Federal Signal digital siren network that can produce tone-alerts and voice announcements heard throughout the campus. The siren network is controlled by an integrated Federal Signal siren encoder that enables secure and reliable siren activation by campus safety officials. The siren can plug into Federal Signal's Codespear-enabled industry platform to enable simultaneous activation of sirens and alerting to cell phones, land-line phones, radios, PDA's, pagers, e-mail addresses and other indoor warning devices. This unique safety and security platform provides distributed instant messaging and scenario management architecture that features instant scalability, redundancy and automated fail-over features to support thousands of users across hundreds of servers.

"You want to have as many layers of notification as possible," said Travis Bryant, public safety director for Fayetteville State University. "The Federal Signal solution we have deployed gives us a comprehensive solution that ensures us that our people will receive notification regardless of where they are on campus. The solution provides peace of mind for everyone."

Federal Signal's Campus Safety Systems are designed for daily use, not just for emergencies. The systems include the ability to send text messages to thousands of students, faculty and parents in seconds, to send Alert Notifications across multiple devices, including: landline and cellular telephones, SMS devices, email, computers, pagers, two-way radios, and the ability to receive a confirmation of message receipt. Importantly the alert notifications and voice communications can be transmitted in multiple languages.

## North American colleges and universities select Federal Signal's critical communications system.

Instant, reliable and complete communication to enhance campus safety and security is not an option. Colleges, universities and K-12 schools continue to select Federal Signal systems to help protect their campuses.

The systems provide comprehensive campus-wide coverage that notifies individuals in key locations such as dormitories, administration and classroom areas and office complexes of crisis situations.

Federal Signal's comprehensive suite of critical communications systems includes all-hazard warning sirens, indoor public address systems, strobe lights, automated license plate recognition systems, campus alerting solutions, and text, voice, and video messaging systems. With the Federal Signal SmartMsg fail-safe communications system, messages can be sent to thousands of students, faculty and parents in seconds. Alerts can also be distributed across cell phones, mobile devices and radio networks. Campus police and public safety officials control the system through the Codespear-enabled Federal Commander digital software package, which offers secure activation and status monitoring of the system from over central location or from various locations if necessary.

Colleges and universities that have deployed Federal Signal's critical communications solutions include over 100 institutions throughout North America and the number is increasing every day. Leading public safety and campus officials select Federal Signal solutions because they are easy to implement, secure, scalable, and robust and have proven time and time again to be the most reliable solutions in the safety and security environment.

Federal Signal Alerting and Notification Systems is a recognized leader and innovator in the industry, we have developed our expansive product line through working closely with our customers and partners using a collaborative product development approach. Designed for interoperability of devices, high-performance and prolonged use, our products offers state-of-the-art features with quality you can rely on today and tomorrow.

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