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Prairie Public Broadcasting Multilingual EAS Reporting2 messages

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Prairie Public Broadcasting (PPB) operates the following Television stations in North Dakota;

KFME - Fargo

KBME - Bismarck

KJRE - Ellendale

KSRE - Minot

KDSE - Dickinson

KWSE - Williston

KDME - Devils Lake

KGFE - Grand Forks

In addition PPB operates KCGE in Crookston Minnesota which is part of the Grand Forks Operational area.

PPB operates the following Radio stations in North Dakota;

KCND - Bismarck

KDPR - Dickinson

KMPR - Minot

KPPR - Williston

KPPW - Williston

KPRJ - Jamestown

KPPD - Devils Lake

KDSU - Fargo

KUND - Grand Forks

KFJM - Grand Forks

As part of the Minnesota Public Television Association, in 2015 Prairie Public was involved with project to make EAS alert content available in non-English languages. However it became clear that in anything other than a large population area, like Minneapolis/St Paul, the number of non-English speakers was limited. In North Dakota a non-English language would benefit a very small percentage of the population. After English, Spanish is the most used language in North Dakota yet less than .5% of the population would benefit with the addition of Spanish in an EAS alert. Accurate real time translation of the alert would be required but technically difficult with our current EAS equipment.

At this time non-English alerts are not planned. If non-English alerts were originated by the originating agency along with the English alerts, Prairie Public Broadcasting would look into adding this service.

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Thanks John!

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