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The NECUSA Board of Directors hope everyone enjoys a healthy and safe 2021. Many of our members are welcoming students back while others are proceeding with a remote learning format. Here's to hoping we return to some much needed normalcy soon.

Conference Update—There will be an Annual Conference this year that will be presented remotely. We are in the process of building an exciting informative agenda. Please plan to join us on June **14-15, 2021**. Contact any Board Member with your ideas.

See pages inside for important information on the free ALERTUS Grant program that all NECUSA Members are eligible to apply for.

NECUSA Members—Mark your calendars for another informative webinar with US Dept. of Education, Director of Clery Act Compliance Division, Jim Moore, on **Tuesday, February 2, 2021, from 2PM-4PM**. This webinar is free to NECUSA Members. Jim is a longtime friend of NECUSA and always offers an informative session. Make sure your membership is up-to-date so you can attend this session. Contact Treasurer@NECUSA.org to join and participate in this session. Active Members will receive and email link to the meeting on Monday 2/1/21

In early January, Members should have received an email from President Chris Lloyd asking you to complete a short survey regarding our 2021 Conference. If you have not completed your survey please do so at <https://forms.gle/jX7quedpEAra2j277>



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The NECUSA Board is seeking proposals for speakers and training topics for the 2021 Conference that you feel would be of value. Contact Executive Board Members ([Chris Lloyd](#), [Doug Babcock](#), [Faith Biesecker](#) or [Tim Munro](#)) with your ideas.

It is with a profound sense of sadness that we report George Barron passed away 12/29/20 at his home in Kane PA at the age of 91. George was President of NECUSA in 1990 when the annual conference was hosted at SUNY-Buffalo and was a beloved member of NECUSA. George was retired from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, where he was served as the Chief of Police. Please join the rest of the NECUSA family in holding the family up in prayer and well wishes.



Membership renewal invoices went out **January 2021**. Stay current to remain eligible for all your NECUSA benefits such as vendor grants, free webinars, discounted training and the Cracker Barrel feature of our network. If you didn't get an invoice contact Treasurer [Faith Biesecker](#). Please remember that John McAloon is not currently on the Board of Directors and has earned a much deserved retirement from your emails.

Not a NECUSA Member yet? ALERTUS plans to make another \$75,000 grant to a NECUSA Member Institution in 2021. Don't delay joining and miss the chance to qualify, click [here to join](#).

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Nominate your staff—The NECUSA Board wants to remind Directors that at the Annual Conference we make award presentations to employees in a number of categories. The Awards Committee asks you to consider nominating your staff for their exceptional work. Review the [Awards Section](#) of the NECUSA website for a description of the various awards. Contact [Brian Fidati](#) or [Ray Hughes](#), our Awards Committee representatives if you have any questions.

Once again NECUSA and ALERTUS have joined forces with a tremendous Members Only benefit. ALERTUS will award one NECUSA member institution with a grant totaling up to \$75,000 in emergency preparedness equipment and software. Details on the grant and instructions to apply are contained on Page 4. Apply at NECUSA.ORG deadline to apply is Friday, May 14, 2021.

NECUSA seeks current photos of your officers, vehicles, trainings...for publication on our website. We want to showcase your departments. Forward photos to any Board Member @ [Chris Lloyd](#), [Doug Babcock](#), [Faith Biesecker](#), [Tim Munro](#), [Ray Hughes](#), [Mary Savage](#), [Brian Fidati](#), or [Vadim Thomas](#).

ALERTUS GRANTS PROGRAM

Even a few seconds of warning can help save lives during an emergency.

Since 2002, Alertus has pioneered the emergency mass notification space, helping organizations find innovative solutions to disaster risk reduction. We believe all organizations, regardless of budget or resources, should have access to communication solutions that will help save lives.

Alertus Grants Program

The Alertus Grants Program was created to help reduce barriers for organizations that want to establish or enhance their emergency preparedness strategies.

Scope:

Alertus will provide a comprehensive emergency preparedness system complete with software and hardware to one qualified* community member of our Partner Association. The estimated total value ranges up to \$75,000 depending on the size and needs of the chosen school district.

**Eligibility requirements below*

Included in this package will be:

- Software: Alertus Desktop Notification, Threatwatcher, and Mobile Applications
- Hardware: Up to 30 Alert Beacons (one per school) and 4 Activation Buttons (for District Level)
- Support: 3 Years of unlimited support and unlimited licensing; 4 Implementation Hours

The estimated total value of the Alertus Grant package ranges from \$50,000 to \$75,000 depending on the size and needs of the chosen school district.

Application:

- Alertus Technologies agrees to donate one emergency preparedness system to a member of the Partner Association and assist in providing the criteria used to select winning applicants.
- Partner Association can offer the Alertus Grant to their member network and organize the independent screening and scoring of applicants.
- Partner Association will provide Alertus with their choice based off of an impartial scoring rubric.
- Alertus and Partner Association will present the award at the agreed-upon occasion.
- Alertus will work with the chosen organization to implement the system. Grant recipients will be responsible for installation. Please note Alert Beacons require a network drop at the point of installation.

Eligibility Requirements

- Non-Profit Status - Applicants must be a registered non-profit organization or a government entity such as a school district, college, library or public agency. Priority will be given to high risk and high need organizations.

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

The vision of the Alertus Grant Program is to help reduce barriers for organizations that want to establish an emergency preparedness program.

Applicants should be asked the questions below to identify their need, risk, and ability to implement the Grant. Each answer should be ranked between 1 (Poor) and 5 (Excellent). Excellent answers will demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the topic in question and a clear understanding of the need or application. Once the scoring is completed per application, the organizations will be ranked according to their overall scores and sent to Alertus to award the appropriate organization

Form Questions:

Date

Name of Organization

EIN/TAX ID #

Mailing Address

Telephone Number

Organization Website

Name of Contact

Title

Contact's Telephone Number (if different)

Contact Email Address

Needs Assessment

1. What has your organization done previously to prepare for emergency situations? Have you used a mass notification system before and what was your experience? Please describe both successes and struggles with previous systems.
2. What is the current state of your emergency preparedness program (total dedicated staff, infrastructure, budget)? Please include an assessment of your unmet needs as well as physical, social, environmental and economic vulnerabilities.
3. Explain which needs you are hoping to address immediately and why you would not be able to meet these needs without a grant opportunity.
4. How would the Alertus Grant help you to improve your organization's emergency preparedness plan? Please estimate the number of FTE and community members that will be impacted.
5. If all budgetary obstacles were removed, how would you equip your organization to be a disaster-resilient community? What types of systems, software, and or hardware would you need to create the safest place for your community members