

## Electronic Alerts

As you would be aware, BSAR has introduced forms of electronic notification as a supplement to the traditional telephone tree. The operation of the telephone tree remains the same. Below is a summary of the whole system.

Message Type	Medium		
	SMS	E-mail	Telephone (existing system unchanged)
<p><b>Standby</b></p> <p>“Standby” is an early warning message given when police believe there is a <i>reasonable possibility</i> that BSAR may be called out at a later stage. You will receive this rarely because in most instances Police S&amp;R do not themselves receive much notice.</p>	<p>To all members whose mobile nos are on the callout list. May not apply to all recipients.</p> <p>Contains sufficient info to base a decision on.</p>	<p>To all email addresses on the e-mailing list – see below. May not apply to all recipients.</p> <p>Contains sufficient info to base a decision on.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Standby alerts will <i>not</i> be communicated by telephone.</p>
<p><b>Callout</b></p> <p>A “callout” occurs when Police request BSAR members to attend a search. The request is made to one of our PLO’s who will send SMS and email messages immediately prior to activating the telephone callout.</p>	<p>As above</p>	<p>As above.</p>	<p>To all members to whom the callout applies.</p> <p>Imparts as much info as we have.</p>
<p><b>Cancellation</b></p>	<p>As above</p>	<p>As above</p>	<p><i>Only to members who have already been phoned.</i></p>
<p><b>Announcement</b></p> <p>Notices of a general nature eg a reminder about a practice, may occasionally be sent by the convenor to the e-mailing list. The information will also be available through the time-honoured channels.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>To all email addresses on the e-mailing list.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

### Action required

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| Delegates   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Actively seek mobile numbers throughout the year and pass them on to the membership secretary so they can be included in the sms messaging system.</li> <li>▪ Contact Jim Grelis (H 98360127) if you have questions regarding SMS Search Alerting.</li> <li>▪ Please encourage members to subscribe to the e-mailing list.</li> </ul>  |
| All members | <p>For SMS...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If you have a mobile phone ensure your delegate has recorded your number and passed it on to the membership secretary.</li> <li>▪ Change your mobile's message alert tone to one that would wake the dead. (Mobiles typically come set at only two rings for a SMS message.)</li> </ul> <p>For email alerts...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please subscribe to it. If you have home and work email addresses, please subscribe both.</li> </ul> <p>For both...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If you receive an electronic alert <b>please try to remain contactable</b>.</li> <li>▪ If you receive an electronic callout alert please <b>do not</b> call your club contacts. The usual telephone callout will take place in due course. It may take some time for you to be contacted, but your club contact will be busy phoning you and your fellow members. The same applies for club contacts who will be phoned by a PLO</li> </ul> |

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| General notes about electronic messaging: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please note that you cannot reply to the SMS messages or email alerts. We only want you to respond to the callout when called by your club contact.</li> <li>▪ These methods are entirely supplementary to the existing telephone system.</li> </ul> |
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