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## State Alert

KIC is very pleased to see that State Alert is soon to be officially launched, and is proud to have been in there from the beginning to develop the idea of an early warning system. With State Alert being introduced on a national basis it is a credit to those who had the original idea right here in the Kwinana Industrial Area.

Since 2004 KIC and its member companies have been strongly supportive of plans to implement an emergency warning system which sends mass messages to an affected area in the case of an incident – either man made or natural.

One of the central goals of KIC is to facilitate members' activities to promote and enhance public safety. Access to a mass means of incident communication is seen as a vital element to achieving this goal.

In 2004 KIC and the WA Police Service (WAPS) had developed a system called PCCOPS. KIC contributed sponsorship of \$30,000 towards the development. Whilst it was by no means a perfect system, it did provide industry with a means of making an immediate information transmission in the unlikely event of a warning needing to be issued.

To assist with resolving the problems with PCCOPS, the State Alert system was created. FESA came on board and KIC provided further sponsorship of \$25,000 to help get the new system up and running.

In 2008 both WAPS and FESA were working with colleagues from other states to implement the concept nationally.