JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Using NOAA Weather Radios on Campus

Quick Tips:
- **Assignment -** Designate a person (and a back-up) who will be in charge of the radio to make sure that notifications are made, batteries are checked, and the unit is working properly.
- **Placement -** Place the unit near an exterior window (if possible) and extend the antenna to allow for a better signal.
- **Notification -** Make sure that the person assigned to monitor the radio is familiar with the notification procedures to alert others in the department or building of the emergency.
- **Battery Backup -** Check the batteries in your radio yearly and replace them as necessary.
- **Tests -** The National Weather Service (NWS) conducts monthly tests over the weather radios. Use these tests to ensure that you can hear the alert on your radio.
- **Volume –** Make sure the volume of the radio remains at a level where audible alerts can be heard in your office or department.
- **Call -** Please call our office should you have additional questions, need help programming your radio, or if you need assistance in identifying safe sheltering areas within your building.

Information:
- NOAA's radio network is an all-hazards system. It provides information 24/7 on watches and warnings for natural incidents such as floods, tornadoes, thunderstorms, winter storms, train derailments, AMBER alerts, and terrorist attacks.
- Non-weather emergency messages will be broadcast over the NOAA Weather Radio when: (1) public safety is involved, (2) the message comes from an official government source, and (3) time is critical.
- Remember the outdoor tornado sirens near campus are intended to notify those persons who are located outside during a tornado warning event. It is an added benefit if the outdoor sirens can be heard inside campus buildings. Please rely on other internal building notification methods when working on your severe weather emergency plan.
- Redundancy is critical for emergency notifications. With the *JSU Emergency Alert System* you can receive emergency notifications via phones, cell phones, and email. JSU Emergency Alert System is now available for all JSU students, faculty, and staff with a valid MyJSU account and password. Register for the JSU Emergency Alert System through your MyJSU account. You may also check your information, and update it if necessary. Program 866-665-4384 into your phone as JSU Emergency Alert System so you will immediately recognize all incoming calls from this number as JSU Emergency Alert System.
- Consider subscribing to a weather related Internet site that sends email updates for your zip code. (Examples include: Weather.com, Breaking Weather.com, WeatherBug.com, etc.)