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From: Official Announcement [mailto:official_owner@uic.edu]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2007 8:02 AM
Subject: [OFFICIAL] SMS Emergency Notification System

Dear UIC Students, Faculty and Staff,

To enhance UIC's ability to alert the campus to emergencies, we are implementing a text-messaging system. This will enable campus officials to send very brief bulletins to you in the event of a serious crime, weather emergency, or similar incident.

To subscribe, simply go to <http://sms.accc.uic.edu> (or see the ACCC home page under Quick Links) and follow the directions to input your cell phone number to the notification system. You will then automatically receive all bulletins as they are sent. Registration is free, and your privacy is ensured. The system will be activated only in emergencies.

We encourage every member of the UIC community to take advantage of this service, which will enable us to quickly provide important information in the event of emergency.

This new system will augment, not replace, the existing means we use to notify the community of important, time-sensitive information, including the URGENT mass-mails to uic.edu e-mail addresses, postings to the Emergency Information page (the link at the bottom of the UIC home page), and recorded announcements on the emergency information line, (312) 413-9696.

We are sending this announcement in phases, to not overwhelm the signup system.

If you have technical difficulties, please send a note to consult@uic.edu

Sincerely,

Ahmed Kassem, Vice Provost/Chief Information Officer/Director, Academic Computing and Communications Center

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