Method for Establishing Sua Sponte Large-Scale Person-to-Person Emergency Electronic Messaging Communications Based in Part on Subscriber Telephone Numbers

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Set up without required action from the user

Communication link set up without:

- Pre-registration
- Password
- Participation by the user—set up automatically at central location

Recent Disasters

- September 11, 2001-World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks
- August 29, 2005-Hurricane Katrina
- March 11, 2011-9.0 earthquake and tsunami in Tohoku, Japan
- October 29, 2012-Superstorm Sandy storm surge

Efforts to locate people after 9-11-2001



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8 of the 65 Search Locations for Katrina victims

Find Hurricane Katrina Survivors

List of Resources for Reconnecting with Missing Friends and Family By Sharon Keating, About.com

Multiple forums and Web sites have popped up after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina to help people find their missing friends and family. This list attempts to pull all of those resources into one place. **Are we missing a link? Email us.**

Alabama Hospital Association Patient Locator

America Reunite: Searchable Database

BBC News: Hurricane Katrina Missing People

CastPost.com Hurricane Katrina Person Database

Clarion-Ledger: Katrina Forums

CNN: Hurricane Katrina Safe List

Coast Guard: Report Those Missing/Stranded

Craigslist New Orleans: Lost and Found

Measures taken to reunite pets with owners after Hurricane Sandy



found dog october 28 in roosevelt long island before storm

please contact if you are the owner or know the owner

contact: www.facebook.com/stacy.schoen-



National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System

Pre-registration required, taking 10 to 15 minutes per person

Allows up to 7 pre-designated people to view information presented

Login or ID required to see information

Internet-based system



National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System

Overview

The National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System helps reunite families separated by a disaster or emergency by:

- Allowing people to register by entering their names and location into the system.
- Allowing people who have registered to give permission to up to seven (7) people to see the information they
 have entered, including their current contact information and/or a personally created message.
- Letting people search for messages left by displaced family or friends.

Note:

- The system is activated only during a Presidentially declared disaster or emergency where people are displaced.
- While there are security measures in place, no system is 100 percent secure.
- Use of the system is voluntary and at the user's own risk.
- In order to reunite families, information entered into the system may be shared with other government and nongovernmental agencies, including law enforcement.
- The National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System will not ask about anyone's citizenship status or forward any information, unless requested by name, to the U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division.

How Do I Register In NEFRLS?

- Registration is easy and takes only 10 to 15 minutes.
- To protect your privacy, the system will ask questions to verify your identity. Then, you will be asked to provide your current contact information and a message, if you wish.
- You may register as an individual or a family. We recommend, however, that all adults register separately.
- You can identify up to seven (7) people to view your information and message.

Red Cross Safe and Well Program

•	Message Options	Safe and Well Messages *You must choose at least one of the following messages to post on the <i>Safe and Well Website</i> , but may select as many messages as you want. Click the boxes next to the appropriate messages to make your selections.
	Options	I am safe and well.
		Family and I are safe and well.
		Currently at shelter.
		Currently at home.
		Currently at friend/family member/neighbor's house.
		Currently at a hotel.
		□ Will make phone calls when able.
		🗖 Will email when able.
		☐ Will mail letter/postcard when able.

But, what hotel? In what city?

Contact Loved Ones

- Telephone based only
- All calls go through 1 or 2 telephone numbers
- Not patented so anyone can compete for service
- Operated by a non profit, funded by sponsors

Some of the sponsors: Capalon Communications PalTalk Resound Marketing Level 3 Communications Washington Ball Ederer Miller & Sharfstein, LLP

Contact Loved Ones

Connecting family and friends in times of crisis

How to use our free telephone-based service

In or after a hurricane, earthquake, or other disaster:

- If you can't reach family members or friends, call the number below and listen carefully to the instructions. You will be able to leave voice messages for your loved ones and check if they have left a message.
- If people can't reach you, call the number below and listen carefully to the instructions. You will be able to leave a voice message for family members and friends looking for you and check for messages they may already have left for you.

When you call in, use your telephone keypad to enter an old phone number from before the storm, either yours or those of the family and friends you wish to contact. You will <u>not</u> be entering your current contact number in the beginning of the call, but please speak it when you leave your voice message.

To reach the free Contact Loved Ones telephone service

from within the US, dial	1-443-992-4890
from outside the US, dial	1-443-992-4890

Please note that during emergencies we may experience heavy call volumes. If our telephone number is busy, please check this page for alternate numbers or try calling again later. Thanks.



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Method for emergency communications comprising:

 (a) providing by a sponsor, sua sponte, equipment configured to receive, store, retrieve, and play, in a nonpreferrential manner, electronic messages associated with one of a plurality of electronic access addresses;

- Sponsor provides equipment configured to retrieve, store, and play electronic messages
- No password
- Multiple addresses (accounts)
- Electronic messages could be voicemail, email, texts, or other files
- (hardware)
- (b) establishing by the sponsor, an event identifier;
- Sponsor assigns a code as the event identifier such as a special area code or domain name

US Patent 8,358,751 Claims

(c) communicating from the sponsor to the public at large, a prescribed manner for constructing the plurality of electronic access addresses;

- (d) communicating from the sponsor to the public at large, the event identifier;
- (e) configuring by the sponsor, the plurality of electronic access addresses of the equipment, based at least in part on the event identifier, a plurality of user identifiers, and the prescribed manner;
- (f) activating the equipment by the sponsor, and making the equipment accessable for use by the public at large starting at a first time, wherein the first time is based at least in part on recognition of a start of the emergency by the sponsor;

 Sponsor advertises instructions to utilize system

- Sponsor advertises identifier for the upcoming event
- The identifier is configured
- (software)
- The identifier is activated by FEMA, Homeland Security, etc

US Patent 8,358,751 Claims

- (g) configuring by the public at large, at least one electronic access address, based at least in part on the event identifier, at least a part of a subscriber telephone number, and the prescribed manner;
- (h) using the equipment by the public at large to receive, store, retrieve, and play the electronic messages associated with the at least one electronic access address; and
- (i) deactivating the equipment by the sponsor, and making the equipment unaccessable for use by the public at large starting at a second time, wherein the second time is based at least in part on recognition of an end to the emergency by the sponsor.

 Public uses system for communications

 System is de-activated, freeing the equipment for other purposes

Communication

Via overlays to:

Voice mail Email Text Messages Electronic images Data





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For Disaster Code XXX or Katrina

Voice mail

Email

XXX + 962 3470
XXX + 962 3470
XXX + 434 962 3470

Where the identifier XXX is an unused country or area code

2. A method for reuniting a pet that is lost with an owner of the pet in a large-scale emergency, with steps comprising:(a) attaching a first user identifier to the pet, wherein the first user identifier is associated with the owner;

(b) . . . (i)

Steps in this patent application are similar to the issued patent except they are based on the pet having an identifier placed on its collar

Continuations-in-Part (CIP)

- New ideas are added to the original (parent) patent
- A continuation-in-part keeps the patent open for further enhancements, e.g., you could add your ideas and file another CIP

For this CIP application we added claims for recovering pets and for utilizing new technologies, such as cloud computing

Terms of the patent and patent application

- The existing patent expires November 22, 2031
- The CIP expires July 1, 2028

If purchased before the current CIP issues, then additional CIPs can be filed--with your name as inventor

What you can do with the patent

- Provide turn key system to FEMA, Homeland Security, or others
- Sell licenses to developers, state governments, companies such as Google or Verizon

Task at Hand

- Write unsolicited proposal to provide the software, and contracts for cloud resources, on short time notice, and for support and maintenance of the system
- Write software
- Arrange for hardware
- Upon notification activate and administer system

Example Implementation Scenario

[0056] One scenario for implementing a large-scale person-to-person emergency electronic messaging system as disclosed herein would be for an organization, such as FEMA, to contract with a communications integration engineering service (the Contractor) to design and operate an infrastructure (the System). The Contractor would in turn contract with telephone and data processing providers to provide high capacity service on short notice. This could be facilitated by utilizing cloud computing and data storage reserves on a dynamically allocated basis, i.e., anywhere in the world.

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