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## AU Alert experiences malfunction



Police presence outside the Ralph B Draughon Library on August 27, 2025.

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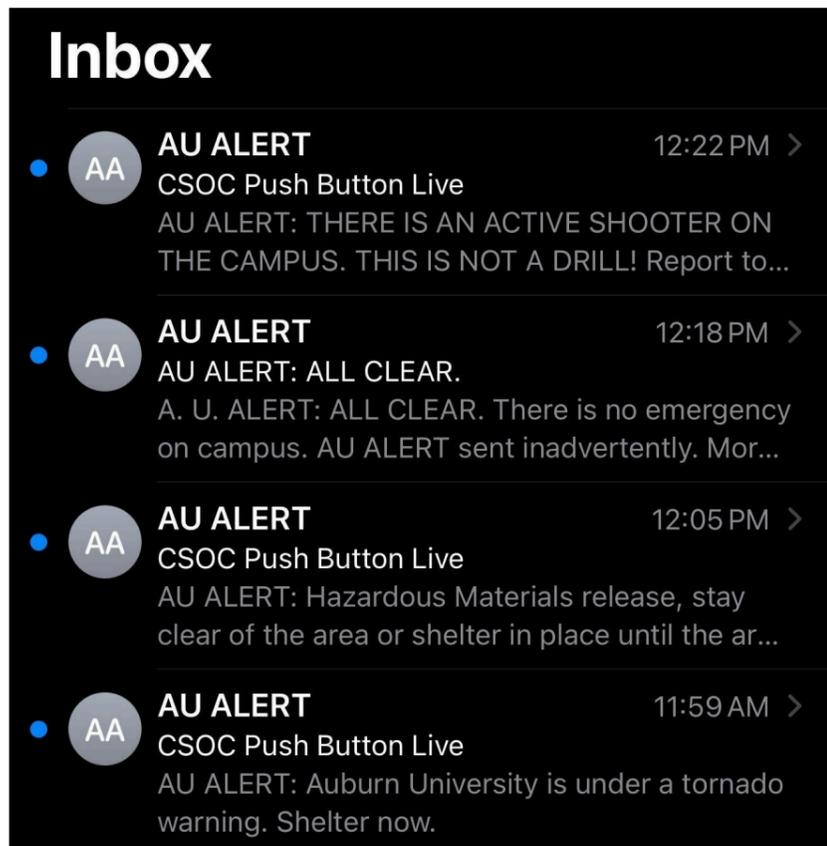
On Nov. 6, 2025, around noon, Auburn University released a series of AU Alerts which prompted University students, faculty and employees to receive multiple alerts at one time.

At 11:59 a.m., an alert for a tornado warning was sent.

At 12:05 p.m., an alert of hazardous materials was issued.

Around 12:18, an all clear was issued.

Soon after, at 12:22 p.m., an active shooter alert was sent.



Students in *The Plainsman* have noted that their alerts came at different times, in different orders. Some have reported that they haven't gotten an alert at all, or that they've gotten a different number of these alerts.

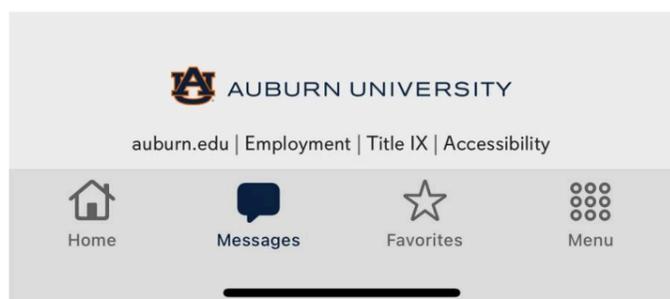
These alerts were identified as an accident and that there was no true alert on campus.



### No Emergency on Campus

**i** Informational note in public  
Sent on Thu, Nov 6, 2025 at 12:04 PM (CST)

**No emergency on campus.** AU Alert sent out inadvertently. More information to follow.



*The Plainsman* has reached out to Jennifer Adams, vice president for public affairs, communication & marketing for Auburn University for a statement. She issued a statement which reads:

*A technical error caused multiple AU Alerts to be sent through the emergency notification system. You may keep receiving these messages. We are working with RAVE to resolve the issue.*

*Please be assured that **there is no threat to campus or the community.***

Adams has informed *The Plainsman* that she will issue more information as there are further updates.

*The Plainsman* has reached out to Auburn University Campus Safety for further information, but they have yet to respond. Around 7:16 p.m., students received the following email from Kevin Robinson, Vice President for Institutional Compliance and Safety:

*Auburn University Community,*

*Auburn University experienced a technical issue with our mass messaging system earlier today. A technical error triggered templated AU Alerts to be sent. This issue was identified and is in the process of being resolved.*

*We understand the concern this caused and want to assure the Auburn University community that timely and accurate communication remains our highest priority on all matters related to campus safety.*

*The Plainsman* reached out to Kevin Robinson at 7:52 p.m. for a comment on the nature of the "technical error" and are currently awaiting a response.

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