

Instant Alert Allows VoiceLift® Users to Request Assistance with the Push of a Button

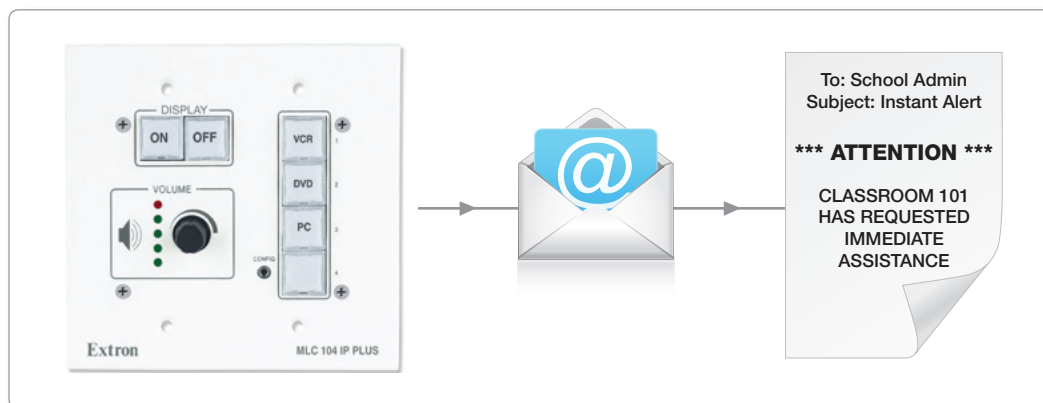
Many schools have experienced a disruption in the classroom, an injury, a spill of hazardous materials, or similar event that required some type of third-party notification. To prepare for a situation like this, instructors need a way to quickly and discreetly signal for assistance. The Instant Alert feature on our VoiceLift Microphone is a low-cost solution that is easy to implement.

The Need for a Notification Alternative

Often, classrooms have few options available to teachers for quickly notifying the school's administration or campus authorities of an emergency. The fire alarm system is usually available in each room in the event of a fire, but what about other urgent situations? Systems dependent on telephones, cell phones, and dedicated paging or intercom systems may not always be accessible and they may be expensive to implement.

What if you could easily configure a notification system using components you were planning to acquire or have already installed in the classroom? Fortunately, Extron technology provides such a solution. The Instant Alert capability of our VoiceLift Microphone can be used to notify school administration officials or campus authorities via e-mail. E-mails can be sent to multiple destinations, including cell phones and other wireless devices. Simply press and hold both volume buttons on the VoiceLift Pendant Microphone for three seconds. This closes a relay, which instructs an Ethernet-enabled MediaLink® controller to send an e-mail to the appropriate parties. Alternatively, the relay can be used to trigger a third-party alarm, security camera, or mass notification system.

While there are limitations to this type of system, it is a quick and easy way to provide teachers with one more option in signaling for help when needed. Naturally, successful implementation depends heavily on the school's commitment to diligently monitor e-mail destinations to ensure the fastest possible response.



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