

NFCB will put together a group buy for all our members—both for a CAP to EAS converter box and for an all-in-one EAS that is CAP capable.

Norm Stockwell of WORT went to a trade show in late October and had hands on contact with three EAS boxes, as well as talking to various sales reps, vps, etc. Here is his report:

TFT - not at the show, no new box yet (working on a re-design of their 2008 unit), expect it to be pricey & only work with TFT.

Gorman-Redlich - advantages - works with any legacy EAS box, simple, cheap. Disadvantages - cheaply made, too simple, may not be flexible enough to respond to changes in FEMA/FCC rules in the future.

SAGE - advantages - nice box, well built, includes EAS-CAP in one unit, can be upgraded to take Satellite input if that is created by law, includes lots of GPI interfaces for automation/remote control, made to look familiar to users of other SAGE equip. Disadvantages - price (\$2695 list), not sure how it interfaces to station LAN (I didn't ask enough questions here), needs external radios.

DASDEC II - hands down the most forward looking device - 3 internal radios; 4 separate Ethernet ports to hook up to isolated, secure LANs; totally software controllable, upgradeable, programmable (even the radios) - even with a smartphone; can e-mail info about access, status, use, etc to station staff/engineers; lots of logging options. Very smartly designed and sturdy. Price - \$4175.00