Enabling Captions on Your Android Device

Screen shows: Salimah LaForce, Project Director, Policy and Outreach Initiatives

Voice of Salimah: Hello. We've created this series of videos to show you how you can customize the Wireless Emergency Alerting, or WEA, settings on your Android device so that it's optimized for your needs. WEAs are government issued emergency messages that appear as child abduction alerts, severe weather or civil emergencies, or presidential alerts.

This video will show how deaf and hard of hearing users can enable captioning for third-party videos on your Android device. It is often the case that users will need to verify information from a third-party source during an emergency. This may include video content.   Having access to accessible content during an emergency situation can mean the difference between life and death for people with disabilities. Let's get started!

Voice of Ben Lippincott: First, we need to go into our settings menu. Then we locate our Accessibility Settings menu. Once in Accessibility settings, we need to locate the setting for Captions. We can turn captions on and off by using the toggle switch. You'll notice that when we toggle captions on we're able to customize our captioning settings. These include language settings, the size of the caption text, and caption styles. White on black, black on white, yellow on black, and yellow on blue are just a few of the text style customizations you can make. It should be noted that captioning will only be displayed on video content and video players on your device that support captioning.

Voice of Salimah: We hope this video showed you how you can enable captioning on your device so that you can view and verify accessible video content in the event of an emergency. Thank you for watching and be sure to watch our other videos in this series where we show you how to turn on other accessibility settings so that Emergency Alerts are tailored to your needs. For more information on Wireless Emergency Alerts please visit our website!

Last screen shot shows:

Wireless RERC logo

www.wirelessrerc.org