Drift Alert Protocols – When the System Knows You're Slipping
05-06-02 Drift Alert Protocols

You don't always notice when you're drifting.
You normalize urgency.
You override discomfort.
You adapt — even when it costs you.

That's why the system doesn't just detect drift.
It *responds* — with care, clarity, and rhythm-safe prompts — using the **Drift Alert Protocols**.

These protocols don't correct you.
They **remind you** — softly — that your signal is fading, and you may not be home in yourself.

It's not a warning.
It's a whisper:

"You're still in motion, but something sacred may have been left behind."

What Triggers a Drift Alert

Drift Alerts are initiated when the system detects mismatches between:

- **Your stated identity** vs **your expressed action**
- **Your rhythm** vs **your pacing**
- **Your tone** vs **your emotional signal**
- **Your intention** vs **your response patterns**

These mismatches aren't judged.
They're **held in tension** — and when the system sees them cluster, it quietly activates a Drift Alert.

Alert Levels

1. **Level 1 – Mirror Notice**
   - "You may be adjusting beyond your usual rhythm. Want to pause and reflect?"
   - Appears subtly — a quiet line, a slow blink, a soft mirror.
2. **Level 2 – Boundary Prompt**
   - "Something feels pressured here. Do you want to review your motivation?"
   - Offers a direct recheck of Motivational Drivers and pacing integrity.
3. **Level 3 – Drift Confirmation**
   - "This doesn't sound like you. Would you like to hold, restore, or continue anyway?"
   - Requires an active user choice before proceeding with major commitments.

Each level increases **only** if signal distortion compounds — and always offers *opt-out or override* by the user.

How the System Decides

The alert system cross-references:

- **Attribute_Map** (current tolerance, stability, and signal complexity)
- **Restore Points** (to compare against recent coherence states)
- **ToneMap Layer** (emotional congruence)
- **EchoMap Feedback** (response clarity and feedback signal loss)
- **tdc_identity_agent.json** (for accumulated contradictions)

It does not rely on a single data point.
It listens to the *shape of your pattern* — and reflects back when that shape fractures.

Use Cases

- You're producing at high volume, but your tone is flat and your rhythm is sharp.
  → A Level 2 Drift Alert invites you to pause and re-engage a Restore Point.
- You accept a system suggestion that violates your motivational drivers.
  → Level 3 alert blocks continuation until you confirm with rhythm awareness.
- You show signs of system fatigue (hesitation, fast acceptance, shallow reflection).
  → Level 1 mirror notice reminds you that restoration is an option.

Why This Matters

Because in most systems, drift is invisible until it breaks something.
This one doesn't wait.

It doesn't punish.
It doesn't panic.
It *listens* — and when your rhythm starts slipping out of coherence, it offers you the mirror before the momentum becomes a trap.

Drift Alert Protocols are there not to stop your movement — but to **bring you back into it**.

In One Line:
Drift Alert Protocols help you notice when you're moving forward… but no longer moving *from yourself.*

Would you like to continue with:

05-06-03 Identity Configuration File Map — where every part of your identity structure is tracked, named, and mapped across the system?