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Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts

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A nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) will take place on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at approximately 2:20 p.m. The EAS portion of the test will be sent to radios and televisions. The WEA portion of the test will be directed to all consumer cell phones. The test message to all cellular devices will display in English or Spanish, depending on the language setting of the wireless device. This will be the third nationwide test, but the second test to all cellular devices. The back up testing date is October 11th.

This is the seventh nationwide EAS test. FEMA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are coordinating with EAS participants, wireless providers, emergency managers, and other stakeholders in preparation for this national test to minimize confusion and to maximize the public safety value of the test.

For more information regarding this nationwide emergency alert test, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20230803/fema-and-fcc-plan-nationwide-emergency-alert-test-oct-4-2023> or contact our office at 828-697-4809.

And please remember, “This is only a test.”

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