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## **NATIONWIDE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM TEST FEMA, DHS and FCC to conduct first national test of new system**

On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, FEMA, DHS and FCC will conduct the first national test of the Nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS). This nationwide test will kick off at 2:00 pm (EST) and run concurrently across all time zones.

This system is the first of its kind designed to broadcast a nationwide message to the American public. In the history of the country, nothing like it has been conducted on such a level. As you may be aware, there have been tests in the past, but not of this magnitude encompassing all regions of the Nation simultaneously. The thirty (30) second test will run concurrently on all radio and TV band stations.

There is great concern in local police and emergency management circles about undue public anxiety over this test. The test message on TV might not indicate that it is just a test. Fear is that the lack of an explanation regarding the message might create panic. Please share this information with your family, friends and colleagues so they are aware of the test.

Below are two websites that will provide more information regarding this test:

[http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas\\_info.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm)

<https://nationaldialogue-emergencyalertsystem.ideascale.com/>

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