

City of Bristol Tennessee

Nationwide Alert System Test to be Conducted Wednesday

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The EAS test plays a key role in ensuring the nation is prepared for all hazards, and that the W#U.S. public can receive critical and vital information, should it ever be needed. The first nationwide test will be conducted Wednesday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. This test will last about 30 seconds, and will be transmitted via television and radio stations within the U.S., including Alaska, Hawaii, the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

Similar to local emergency alert system tests, an audio message will interrupt television and radio programming indicating: "This is a test." When the test is over, regular programming will resume. For more information about the nationwide Emergency Alert System test, please visit www.FEMA.gov and www.FCC.gov. Police Chief Blaine Wade said, "We are not expecting any additional calls to 911 during this event, it seems everyone has been well advised in advance of the federal test. Most citizens are used to hearing our local warning tests on TV and radio."

On November 9 at 2:00 p.m. eastern, please remember: Don't stress; it's only a test.

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