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WEA Broadcast Notification – Test on Oct. 3

Beverly Hills, CA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system on **Wednesday, October 3, 2018**. This will be the first nationwide Presidential-level WEA test.

The WEA test message will begin at **11:18a.m. PST**. The EAS message will be sent at **11:20a.m. PST**. The WEA message will read: "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed."

WEA messages are sent by public safety officials to warn the public about dangerous situations in critical emergencies. This national test will use the same special tone and vibration as with all WEA messages (e.g. tornado warnings and AMBER Alerts).

This test will also assess the readiness to distribute an emergency message nationwide and determine what types of improvements are needed to reach full system capabilities. Again, no action is needed once you receive the test.

For more information visit: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1446582997160-8a6682499edd095f9f9a515ee2c77142/IsYourPhoneWEACapable_Final_Compliant.pdf

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