



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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Local Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren Test and Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System Scheduled for October 3, 2018

Chatham County, GA (October 2, 2018) – On Wednesday, October 3, 2018, a local siren test and a nationwide test of both the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) will occur at different times throughout the day. Below is an explanation of what citizens should expect for these tests.

12 PM: CEMA Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren Test

What to expect: Residents of Chatham County will hear a one minute emergency tone from the various sirens located throughout the county, weather pending.

2:18 PM: Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)

What to expect: Nationally, citizens will hear a special tone and vibration on their cellular phones, with a test message to read, "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed." Residents should only see one emergency message on their phone.

2:20 PM: Emergency Alert System (EAS)

What to expect: Nationally, citizens will hear and see a one minute test from EAS participants (e.g., radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers, and wireline video providers). This will last for approximately one minute.

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