



FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

P R E S S R E L E A S E

DATE OF INCIDENT: 9 November 2011

TIME OF INCIDENT: 2:00 PM, EST

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: NATIONWIDE

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On November 9, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will be holding its first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) at 2 PM EST. Although EAS Participants currently participate in state-level monthly tests and local-level weekly tests, there has never been a nationwide test of the system. The Commission, along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will use the results of this test to assess what works within the EAS and what does not and working together with EAS stakeholders will make improvements to the system as appropriate.

We are informing citizens of this specific test to lessen apprehensions that a nationwide test may generate. Further details on the testing effort can be found on the FCC website at

http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/emergency-alert-system-nationwide-test#focus_psa

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