

## **Emergency Alert System Test on Oct. 3rd**



Message will be:

Subject: **“Presidential Alert”**

Message: **“This is a test of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System.  
No action is needed.”**

**The Federal Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission, will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on Wednesday, Oct. 3.**

The test was originally planned for Sept. 20 but was postponed due to ongoing response efforts to Hurricane Florence. The tests are an integral component of emergency management.

Cell towers will broadcast the **WEA test for approximately 30 minutes beginning at 2:18 p.m. on October 3, 2018.** During this time, compatible cellphones that are switched on, within range of an active cell tower, and whose wireless provider participates in WEA, should be capable of receiving the test message. Some cellphones will not receive the test message, and phones should receive the message only once.

**The test message will have a header that reads “Presidential Alert” and text that says: “This is a test of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed.”**