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FIRST NATIONWIDE TEST OF EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM TO BE CONDUCTED

On Wednesday, November 9 at 1:00PM, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The alert may last up to three and a half minutes.

The EAS is a national alert and warning system established to enable the President of the United States to address the American public during emergencies. NOAA's National Weather Service, governors and state and local emergency authorities also use parts of the system to issue more localized emergency alerts.

Similar to local EAS tests that are already conducted frequently, the nationwide test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wireline video service providers across all states and the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

"Tests like these also serve as good reminders for families to assemble or check their Emergency Supply Kit," said Dan Palmer, Director of Hanover Township Emergency Services. "Each person should have basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs."

For more information on creating an emergency supply kit or family emergency plan, please visit www.ready.gov or www.hanover-township.org.

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