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Clatsop County Emergency Alert Test is Tuesday

(Astoria, OR) — A county-wide emergency communications test through ClatsopAlerts! is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 26.

"It is critically important that we know that all of our emergency communication systems are working. In a real emergency, the public will count on us to keep them informed," said Clatsop County Emergency Management Director Justin Gibbs.

Clatsop County Emergency Management will test landlines, cell phones and email addresses. "Now is the time to go to <u>ClatsopAlerts!</u> and sign up or make sure your contact information in our system is correct," Gibbs said.

The message on the emergency test will include information on the 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, <u>Emergency Preparedness Fair</u> at Camp Rilea.

Nationally, FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The national test will go to all consumer cell phones, radios and televisions. The test message will display on phones in either English or in Spanish, depending on the language settings of the wireless handset.

For more information, <u>email</u> the Clatsop County Emergency Management Dept. or call 503-325-8645.