



NEWS RELEASE

JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

September 28, 2015
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JEFFERSON PARISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO TEST EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEMS

On Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Jefferson Parish Emergency Management is scheduled to test Emergency Alert Systems on ***Wednesday, September 30, 2015***, 11:00am – 2:00pm, in conjunction with National PrepareAthon Day.

Jefferson Parish residents, businesses, JPAAlert subscribers, and individuals within Jefferson Parish with a cellular emergency alert capable cell phone can expect to receive an ***EMERGENCY ALERT TEST*** via Cox Communication's override Emergency Alert System, cellular phones capable of Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), and published residential and/or business landline phones.

JPAAlert subscribers and Jefferson Parish residential and business landline recipients will hear the message, "***THIS IS ONLY A TEST OF THE JEFFERSON PARISH EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, PREPARATHON DAY. PLEASE ENCOURAGE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SIGN-UP FOR***

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS FROM JEFFERSON PARISH AT JPALERT.COM. FOR PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION VISIT GETAGAMEPLAN.ORG. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE FROM THE INSTRUCTIONS AT THE END OF THIS ALERT.” These recipients are asked to press ‘1’ to confirm receipt of the TEST message.

Recipients of emergency text alerts via cellular or wireless devices can expect to receive the TEST TEXT ALERT message via IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert Warning System), *“JPALERT SYSTEM – TEST – NATIONAL PREPAREATHON DAY. INFO AT GETAGAMEPLAN.ORG AND JPALERT.COM.”* These recipients are asked to confirm receipt of the TEST message by sending an email to JPEOC@jeffparish.net.

Recipients of TEST emergency alerts via Cox Communications will receive the voice message via override of Cox programming, *“THIS IS ONLY A TEST OF THE JEFFERSON PARISH EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM. THIS TEST IS FOR NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, PREPAREATHON DAY FOR JEFFERSON PARISH CITIZENS. TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS FROM JEFFERSON PARISH, PLEASE SIGN-UP AT JPALERT.COM. FOR PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT GETAGAMEPLAN.ORG.”* No action to confirm receipt of the test alert is requested for Cox Communications subscribers.

Jefferson Parish Emergency Management asks you to encourage family, friends, and neighbors to sign-up for JPAAlert at JPAAlert.com to receive emergency notifications.

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