



# Lockport Township Fire Protection District Fire Prevention Bureau

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Weather Service (NWS) will conduct the first-ever national-level test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The test will take place **Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 1:00 PM CST. The test may be up to three and a half minutes in length.**

This test is similar to the way local emergency alert system tests are conducted; **HOWEVER** this will be the first nationwide test that is expected to be broadcast **simultaneously** over all communication service providers: television stations (including digital television, cable, satellite audio and television services) and broadcast radio stations across the U.S. and several U.S. territories.

This nationwide wide EAS Test will help determine the reliability of the system and its effectiveness in notifying the public of emergencies and potential dangers nationally and regionally.

### WHAT PEOPLE WILL HEAR AND SEE DURING THE TEST:

This national test may look like regular local EAS tests that most people are already familiar with, but there will be some differences in what viewers will see and hear. The audio message will repeat "This is a test." The video message scroll may not indicate "This is a test."

Due to the differences in this test, it may cause the public to get confused and concerned that there is a true emergency. As a result, there is possibility that 9-1-1 call centers may receive an increase in 9-1-1 calls from citizens who are concerned about the simultaneous test.

You do not have to call 911 during this test.