



# Village of Skokie

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Public Information Division

## **Emergency Alert System Test to Take Place**

The first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, or EAS, will take place at 1 p.m., Central Standard Time, on November 9, 2011. The purpose of the test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the system in alerting the public.

The Emergency Alert System is a media communications-based alerting system that is designed to transmit emergency alerts and warnings to the American public at the national, Tribal, state and local levels.

EAS alerts are transmitted over television and radio broadcast, satellite television and satellite radio, cable television and wireline video services.

The alert will be transmitted throughout the country and will be monitored by the EAS participants. Local and state components of the EAS are tested on a weekly and monthly basis. However, there has never been an end-to-end nationwide test of the system. A complete test of the EAS can provide a diagnosis of the system's performance.

During the test, the public will hear a message indicating "this is a test". However due to limitations of the EAS, the video test message may not be consistent and may not indicate "this is a test" on screen.

It is anticipated that the test will last approximately three minutes.

For more information please contact Chief Ralph Czerwinski of the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5321.

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