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TVF&R Reminds the Public that on November 9th - "It is Only a Test"

On November 9th at 2 pm Eastern time (11 am locally), radio and television broadcasts will be interrupted for approximately 30 seconds by the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). Oregonians are reminded that "This is Only a Test" and should not call 9-1-1.

The National-level EAS is a public alert and warning system that enables the President of the United States to address the American public during extreme emergencies. Similar to local EAS tests that are conducted frequently, the Nationwide Test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wire line providers across all states and territories.

TVF&R Public Information Officer Karen Eubanks states, "We hope individuals use this event as an opportunity to evaluate their own emergency preparedness." For tips on individual and business preparedness, visit www.ready.gov or Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's website at www.tvfr.com.

The national EAS test is being conducted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). For more information go to:
http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm

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