AHAB Siren Testing Monday

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South Bend, Washington – The Pacific County Emergency Management Agency’s (PCEMA) All Hazard Alert Broadcast (AHAB) siren system next scheduled monthly test will be Monday, February 1st at noon. **It is recommended that residents of Pacific County mark their calendars for the monthly AHAB siren system test. The test is currently scheduled for the first Monday of every month at noon.**

The current procedure for the monthly test is for the sirens to sound the Westminster Chimes for 10 seconds followed by a 15 second verbal message stating “The following is a test of the siren warning system. It is only a test. This is a test of the siren warning system. If this had been a real emergency you should tune to your local radio station or listen to this system for further instructions. This was only a test.”

In actual events, the AHAB sirens will sound a constant tone for three continuous minutes, and may be followed by a verbal message. Both the Westminster chimes and the actual warning tone can be heard by visiting the PCEMA website at www.co.pacific.wa.us/pcema and clicking on the Tsunami tab. Residents can also view a video clip of the AHAB test on the PCEMA Facebook page.
There are currently 13 AHAB sirens installed in Pacific County located in the areas of Ilwaco, Seaview, Long Beach, Surfside, Ocean Park, Bay Center, and North Cove. **Sirens are not designed to be heard indoors and the sound may also be impacted by adverse weather.** Residents are encouraged to have alternate methods of warning such as NOAA weather radios, which are tested weekly and can be heard indoors. Residents with questions or concerns may contact the PCEMA office at (360) 875-9340 or (360) 642-9340.