

AHAB (All Hazard Alert Broadcast) System Testing for Two Counties

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MONTESANO, Wash. - Grays Harbor County will conduct its monthly countywide AHAB (All Hazard Alert Broadcast) Siren test on the First Monday of every month, at noon.

AHAB sirens are located in Pacific Beach, Copalis Beach, Ocean City, Ocean Shores, Hoquiam, Aberdeen, Westport and Grayland. All Grays Harbor County sirens will be included in the test beginning at noon.

On Monday, November 02, 2009 the AHAB Tsunami Warning Sirens throughout Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties will be tested at noon. The test will include the Westminster Chimes followed by a short TEST message.

Grays Harbor County recently had 2 new sites installed and they should be fully operational by the test date. The new sites are in Aberdeen and in Moclips.

AHAB sirens are an outdoor warning device and are not designed to be heard indoors. The sound may also be impacted by adverse weather. Residents living in a tsunami inundation area are encouraged to have a NOAA Weather Radio, which works much like a smoke detector and would sound an alarm when a tsunami warning was issued. In an actual event, the AHAB sirens will be activated with a constant siren (not chimes) for three continuous minutes. If the siren is heard, those near the coast should move inland and to high ground as quickly as possible.



Please do not call 911 about the AHABs. Residents with questions or concerns may contact Grays Harbor County Emergency Management at 360-249-3911.

For Pacific County information about tsunamis and the AHAB siren system, or to hear sound clips of the Westminster Chimes and the actual warning tone, please visit the PCEMA website at [. : http://www.co.pacific.wa.us/pcema/Tsunami.htm](http://www.co.pacific.wa.us/pcema/Tsunami.htm)

Testing is scheduled for the first Monday of every month at 12:00 p.m.

Testing will include chimes and a short audio message. This is the same testing schedule that has been used in Grays Harbor County. Both Washington State Emergency Management and local authorities are able to activate the system.