Seriously, Just a Drill

Local News

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Montesano, WA - September is National Preparedness Month. On Wednesday September 15th, the All Hazard Alert Broadcast (AHAB) Sirens will actually wail with the true siren at 10:15am. Grays Harbor County Emergency Management will also be activating the Grays Harbor Notification System at 9:00 am to test our ability to communicate with the public via text, e-mail and a phone call. The sequence of events will be as follows: **09:00 am** - Grays Harbor Notification System test will be activated (Only persons who have signed up for the notifications will receive it) **10:15 am** – The AHAB Sirens in Grays Harbor County will ***wail with the true siren*** along with a test voice message. The Siren is ***DESIGNED TO BE HEARD OUTDOORS ONLY!*** **10:15 am** – All schools will be following the **Drop, Cover** and **Hold** On earthquake procedures. **10:15 am** – The Tsunami Warning Calling Tree will be activated via Grays Harbor County Emergency Management and Grays Harbor 911. **10:15 am** – Television and radio stations will activate their Emergency Alert Broadcast test messages. **10:15 am** - The All Hazards Weather Radios will activate with the ***NORMAL*** weekly test procedures. ***ALL HAZARD WEATHER RADIOS ARE DESIGNED FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION OF PERSONS WHO ARE INDOORS!***

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Just a reminder that

every weather radio may not activate during this test

. Many radios will not sound unless there is an actual event but will have an indicator light and a test message on the screen.

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This is the perfect time to develop or review disaster plans with your family. If everyone not available due to work or school on Wednesday, please take the time over the weekend or weeknight to find a place of refuge in the event of a true disaster. Talk about what you will need to do for your family, pets, home and business. If you need more information on preparedness or wish to sign up for the Grays Harbor Notification System, please contact Grays Harbor Emergency Management by visiting our website at: http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/DEM/Index.asp, e-mail us at ghcdem@co.grays-harbor.wa.us , or call at (360) 249-3911.