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ALERT SPOKANE Emergency Notification System to be Tested

Spokane County's Emergency Notification System, ALERT SPOKANE, will be tested on **Thursday, December 14th between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon**. The focus of this test will be landlines and self-registered phone numbers in targeted areas of Spokane County. There is no need to take action if you receive the call; emergency personnel are merely testing the system to ensure it is operational. In addition, we would like to encourage residents to register online to receive future notifications, if they have not already done so.

This test will include one of the following: a phone call from 866-419-5000, an email from alertspokane@spokanecounty.org, or a text message from "76993." Residents and businesses are encouraged, but not required, to save these to their personal devices as "contacts" so an ALERT SPOKANE message can be quickly identified. The message for the December 14th test will be, "This is an important test message from ALERT SPOKANE. This is only a test. We'd like to encourage all residents and businesses in Spokane County to enter or update your contact information, including cell phone numbers and email addresses to ensure all the data in our system is accurate and current. Please go to www.alertspokane.org and click on the ALERT SPOKANE logo to access the registration page. ALERT SPOKANE is powered by the mass notification system CodeRED. You can also download the CodeRED mobile app which is available on Android and iOS platforms."

The test process will ensure the efficiency and speed with which emergency notifications will be delivered when the system is used during an actual emergency.

"We are encouraging everyone to visit our website to register or update their contact information. If your phone number is not in our database, you will not receive a call when an important notification is launched," said Chandra Fox CEM, Deputy Director of Greater Spokane Emergency Management.

Individuals who use a cell or VoIP phone as their primary number should add or update their contact information through the online registration.

For those who would prefer not to register, the mobile app is available on Android and iOS platforms. A link to the app can be found on the ALERT SPOKANE website: www.alertspokane.org

ALERT SPOKANE enables city and county officials to effectively reach residents, businesses, and visitors by using the system's capabilities to send telephone calls, text messages, emails and social media posts to better protect life and property.

Deputy Director Fox urges citizens to visit the ALERT SPOKANE website: www.alertspokane.org to register and/or download the mobile app. Questions regarding this system test should be directed to alertspokane@spokanecounty.org.



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