

Public Information Statement  
National Weather Service Melbourne FL  
500 PM EDT Mon Sep 16 2019

...HazCollect Non-Weather Emergency Message Demonstration...

A test Non-Weather Emergency Message is scheduled for distribution by the Seminole County Emergency Management Office on Wednesday September 25 2019. The purpose of the test is to demonstrate the capability to publicly distribute emergency messages using interconnected systems in Seminole County Emergency Management, the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In the event the test is postponed from September 25 2019, a Public Information Statement will be issued to announce the postponement and rescheduling to a later date.

On Wednesday September 25 2019, at 9:00 AM EDT, the NWS HazCollect system will send the test non-weather related emergency text product from the Seminole County Emergency Management Office with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) heading: WOUS42 and AWIPS Identifier: DMOMLB

Details of the test message are as follows.

Please prepare for transmission of the test message on Wednesday September 25 2019. The test is scheduled for 9:00 am EDT, but will be postponed if there is forecast or occurrence of severe weather or if there is a non-weather emergency in the area. The test message will be sent as product category DMO, Practice/Demo Warning, to minimize impact on users. There is no reason for concern if you do not receive the test message.

The non-weather emergency message used in this test will broadcast NOAA Weather Radio Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) tones for the category DMO Practice/Demo Warning. Most weather radio and public alert receivers are designed not to alert for the DMO Practice/Demo Warning. Check your receiver's user manual for details. The message will clearly indicate it is a test. The message should be received and noted in station logs at Emergency Alert System (EAS) stations but should not be broadcast over the air.

The following is a sample non-weather emergency message similar to what will be used in the test. The message will have WMO header WOUS42 KMLB, AWIPS Identifier DMOMLB and Universal Geographic Code FLC117.

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED  
PRACTICE/DEMO WARNING  
SEMINOLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SANFORD FL  
RELAYED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MELBOURNE FL  
900 AM EDT WED SEP 25 2019

THIS IS A TEST MESSAGE. THIS IS ONLY A TEST.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE  
SEMINOLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SANFORD FL.

THIS IS A TEST MESSAGE. THIS IS A TEST OF THE CAPABILITY TO RELAY  
EMERGENCY MESSAGES FROM NON-NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SOURCES  
USING FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND NWS SYSTEMS. THIS  
TEST MESSAGE IS NOT INTENDED TO ACTIVATE THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

THIS IS A TEST MESSAGE. DO NOT TAKE ACTION BASED ON THIS TEST MESSAGE.

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End sample non-weather emergency message.

Information on the HazCollect program can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.weather.gov/hazcollect>

Non-weather related emergency messages are originated by local, state or federal civil authorities and at their request may be relayed by the National Weather Service in non-weather related text products, and over NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) and the EAS. The National Weather Service does not initiate non-weather related emergency messages. NWS Instruction 10-518 includes the specifications for these products. NWS Instruction 10-518 Appendix C defines content guidelines for each non-weather emergency message type. The HazCollect service is described in NWS Instruction 10-1708.

NWS Instruction 10-518 and 10-1708 are available on the Internet at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives>

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