

Public Information Statement  
National Weather Service Melbourne FL  
500 PM EDT Tue Sep 29 2020

**...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 October 14 2020. 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 October 14 2020, a Public Information Statement will be issued to announce the postponement and rescheduling to October 15 or 16 2020.

On Wednesday October 14 2020, 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 October 14 2020, with backup dates of October 15 and 16 2020. The test is scheduled for around 10:30 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  
1030 AM EDT WED OCT 14 2020

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 is available and the updated 10-1708 will be available  
on the Internet at:

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

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