



Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) TIP #6: The 2018 IPAWS National Test

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) and Emergency Alert System (EAS) on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at approximately 2:20 PM EDT. The test will assess the operational readiness of the IPAWS infrastructure for distribution of a national message and determine if technological improvements are needed. The EAS test will be conducted in conjunction with radio, television, and cable operators in all U.S. states, territories and tribal lands, and the WEA test will take place in coordination with participating wireless providers.

This will be the first nationwide IPAWS WEA test.

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