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Subject: Emergency Alert System Test – October 3

The Village of Mount Prospect is informing residents of Emergency Alert tests that are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 for wireless and broadcast systems. The purpose of the tests is for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assess the operational readiness of key message distribution.

On Wednesday, October 3 at 1:18 p.m., the Federal Emergency Management Agency will issue a nationwide test of the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system. This test message will be sent to all capable cell phones; however, some older cell phone models may not receive the test message. This alert will be similar to emergency messages such as amber alerts or severe weather alert.

The second message on October 3 will be at 1:20 p.m. and will be a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). This test will include broadcast, cable, and satellite and wireless providers. This test message will be similar to regular monthly EAS messages as seen on television or radios.

These nationwide tests are needed to assess the operational readiness of the infrastructure for distribution of a national message and determine whether technological improvements are needed. There is no need to acknowledge that you did or did not receive these tests.

For information about Emergency Management in the Village, visit www.mountprospect.org.

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