



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

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Type of event: National Test of the Emergency Alert System  
Date/time: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at approximately 11:00 a.m. local time, the federal government will conduct the first-ever end-to-end national test of the Emergency Alert System, or EAS.

**The test will occur simultaneously on all radio and broadcast, cable, and satellite TV systems and will last thirty seconds.** The purpose of the test is to ensure that, if ever needed, a Presidential alert message that warns of a national emergency could be disseminated throughout the nation

- The public is reminded this broadcast is only a TEST.
- Calls to 9-1-1 to inquire about the test are considered non-emergency calls. These types of calls may overwhelm the telephone network at emergency call centers and delay 9-1-1 from receiving calls from citizens reporting real emergencies. Please help us ensure that callers with actual emergencies can get through to 9-1-1.
- **Only call 9-1-1 if you have an actual emergency** requiring a response from police, fire or emergency medical services (EMS).
- **Do not call 9-1-1 to get information about this test.** For more information about the test, go to <http://transition.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/eas.pdf>.

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