



JACKSON & JOSEPHINE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRESS RELEASE



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Rogue Valley Citizen Alert Test Scheduled For Wednesday, May 22nd

If you get a phone call, text message or email from Citizen Alert on May 22nd, don't be concerned – it's an annual test of our Emergency Notification System. The test is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Jackson and Josephine County Emergency Management conduct annual tests of the Citizen Alert Emergency Notification System. Citizen Alert is used to notify residents of important public safety information, such as wildfire evacuations, hazardous materials incidents, or even a fugitive or missing person in your area. Testing the system allows emergency management staff and citizens to practice using the system, as if a real emergency has occurred.

All landline telephones in both Jackson and Josephine Counties will be alerted during this test. Other forms of communication (such as cell phones and email) will be sent to those who have signed up in Citizen Alert. Landline phone numbers (both published and non-published) are automatically provided to the emergency notification system by the phone company; however, many people don't have a landline phone anymore. Cellular companies do not provide telephone numbers to the system. If you do not have a landline telephone at your home or business, we do not have your information and therefore, we cannot alert you about potentially dangerous situations.

Signing up for Citizen Alert enables you to receive timely notifications wherever you are. Jackson and Josephine County Emergency Management will not share your information with anyone. Your information is only used to send you emergency information, and (if you choose) important community alerts.

To sign up for Citizen Alert, visit Rogue Valley Emergency Management at www.RVEM.org.

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