

November 29, 2011

EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM TESTS
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 5TH AND 6TH....

The Natchitoches Parish Communications District (Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1) announced today that representatives of Kay Radio and Federal Signal Safety and Security Systems would be conducting final testing of the Natchitoches Parish Emergency Outdoor Warning System on Monday, December 5th and Tuesday December 6th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

During these tests, the sirens will be activated for periods of 2-3 minutes possibly multiple times. The system is capable of producing a warning tone and voice announcements over a hearing radius of one half mile to one mile. They are used in the event of severe weather or other event affecting the public's safety and wellbeing.

Willis Carter, 9-1-1 Director for Natchitoches Parish said that residents in the areas of Campti, Cloutierville School, Fairview Alpha School, Goldonna School, Marthaville School, Provencal School, Lakeview School, Village of Natchez, Village of Robeline, Village of Calarence, Village of Powhatan and the Village of Ashland who hear these tests should not be alarmed.

Carter stated that at the conclusion of the tests, and when acceptance testing is complete, the system will officially go into service. He stressed that at that point, any activation will be to alert residents of a real emergency, and that residents should be prepared to take the appropriate precautions.