

Congressman Rothman Announces First Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System

Test to Take Place November 9th at 2 p.m. EST

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Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) announced that tomorrow, November 9th, at 2:00 p.m. EST, the federal government will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System. The test will last about 30 seconds and regularly scheduled television and radio shows will be interrupted as the system is being tested.

“It is very important that the public is aware of the nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System this Wednesday,” said Congressman Rothman. “The information gained from this test will improve the ability to communicate in the event of a future emergency. Since it is only a test, there is no reason to be alarmed.”

The national Emergency Alert System is an alert and warning system that can be activated by the President of the United States to provide information to the American public during emergencies. The test is an important exercise in ensuring that the system is effective in communicating critical information to the public in the event of a real national emergency.

“In order to be fully prepared for an emergency it is important to establish an emergency preparedness kit and emergency plan for yourself and your family. You can visit www.Ready.gov for more information about how to prepare for and stay informed about what to do in the event of an actual emergency. As always, if I can be of any assistance to you or anyone you know, please feel free to contact my Hackensack office at (201) 646-0808,” said Congressman Rothman.

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