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## **Calvert County Division of Emergency Management to Test** Alert and Notification System Sirens Dec. 2, 2019

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Nov. 25, 2019** – The Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, will conduct a full-cycle test of the alert and notification sirens throughout Calvert, St. Mary's and Dorchester counties Monday, Dec. 2, 2019, at noon.

The full-cycle test includes a three-minute activation of all sirens within the 10-mile area around Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. All citizens are asked to remember the scheduled testing and relay the information to friends, family and neighbors.

The testing is conducted to check siren operation and increase public awareness of the alert and notification siren system. If the sirens sound at any other time, residents should tune to one of the local radio stations listed below for information and instructions.

Emergency Alert System stations include:

WPTX 1690 AM Lexington Park WMDM 97.7 FM Lexington Park WTOP 103.5 FM Washington, D.C.

WKIK 1560 AM La Plata WKIK 102.9 FM California WPRS 104.1 FM Waldorf WSMD 98.3 FM Mechanicsville WNNT 107.5 FM Warsaw WGOP 540 AM Pocomoke

WCEM 106.3 FM Cambridge WCEM 106.3 FM Cambridge WCEI 96.7 FM Easton

WKHZ 1460 AM Easton WRAR 105.5 FM Tappahannock

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Residents are encouraged to stay informed and prepared in the event of an emergency by visiting <a href="www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/BeAwarePrepare">www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/BeAwarePrepare</a> and signing up for Calvert County ALERT to receive timely information about various emergency and non-emergency situations in the county. Calvert County ALERT messages can be received by cell phone, landline, email, text messaging, fax, pager and more.

While visiting the new Be Aware and Prepare safety portal, citizens can register with Smart911 to create a safety profile for emergency communications. Smart911 is a free online service that allows individuals and families to automatically provide vital information to 911 call takers during an emergency.

The Department of Public Safety also offers a free "Prepare Me Calvert" app to put critical, real-time information at users' fingertips in the event of a regional emergency and helps residents stay prepared. Those without internet can contact the Calvert County Division of Emergency Management at 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, to sign up for additional emergency preparedness information.

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