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Residents Encouraged to Register for Regional Test of AlertOC

(Santa Ana, CA) — As part of the third annual test of the County's regional mass notification system – AlertOC – more than two million Orange County residents will receive a call at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 20th.

The test will be held in conjunction with National Preparedness Month, and will replicate a large scale, multi-jurisdictional emergency requiring thousands of numbers to be called simultaneously across 24 cities and unincorporated areas. The phone message will urge all residents to prepare for real-life emergencies by registering their contact information at www.AlertOC.com for the best chance to receive vital, timely information when away from home.

The key feature of AlertOC is the ability for residents to register more than one contact method at a specific address. This enables landlines, cell phones and e-mail addresses to be incorporated into a single notification system and increases the potential of reaching the greatest number of community members as rapidly as possible.

Emergencies can happen at any time. A wildfire could spread or a flood could close the roads to a neighborhood while residents are away from home. In these instances, AlertOC is a critical link for residents to immediately learn of any required actions.

Residents are encouraged to self-register their cell phone numbers and other alternate numbers to be a part of the regional test at www.AlertOC.com.