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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Nature of Release:** AlertOC Regional Test

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**Brief Narrative of Incident:**

As part of National Preparedness Month, the City of Cypress on Sept. 24 will participate in the largest-ever AlertOC mass notification test call, which will include more than 2.5 million residents and 25 agencies countywide.

- The AlertOC drill is intended to test the system by sending out a mass notification as it would in a large-scale, multi-city emergency. Cypress residents, along with millions of others in Orange County, will receive a call, email or text message.
- The exercise is also an attempt to urge residents to prepare for real-life emergencies by registering their cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses at [cityofcypress.bbcportal.com](http://cityofcypress.bbcportal.com). By subscribing, residents will receive vital and timely information in the case of a city or county-wide emergency.
- National Preparedness month calls on the community to partner with the City of Cypress to better protect their families and neighborhoods because a natural disaster could happen at any time.

A flood could close roads to your neighborhood or an earthquake could render the street impassable, all while you are away from home. In these instances, AlertOC is a critical link for residents to immediately learn of the situation and what steps they might take to stay safe.

“This is an excellent opportunity to test our emergency readiness,” said Cypress Mayor Rob Johnson. “I am grateful our community has access to this technology, and I encourage everyone to participate.”

For more information about AlertOC, visit [bos.ocgov.com/alertoc/alertoc.asp](http://bos.ocgov.com/alertoc/alertoc.asp) .

To leave a message specific to the test in Cypress call **714 229-3389**. Drivers are reminded to be safe and use hands-free devices while talking on the phone and driving.

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