



WRPD to test early warning system on April 13

Brief test will issue a tone and a verbal message at 11 a.m.

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Wheat Ridge, CO – On Wednesday, April 13 at 11:00 AM the City of Wheat Ridge will conduct an audible test of the City’s 15 Early Warning System (EWS) sirens. Systems like the EWS provide critical information to our community during times of crisis, such as severe weather. The warning should be able to be heard by anyone who is outside during the test or during an actual emergency.

“We are entering into flood and severe weather season and it is important that we are all prepared,” said Commander Mark Cooney, who is in charge of emergency management for the Wheat Ridge Police Department. “Testing our sirens and making sure they work properly helps make sure we are ready to handle an emergency when it happens.”

The test consists of a 10-second tone, followed by a verbal message that identifies the tone as a test of the system. The tone and message will each air twice. The entire test should last only about 30 seconds. Be aware that testing of select sites may be repeated throughout the day as needed to correct any issues discovered during the 11:00 AM test.

Members of the Denver Radio Club volunteer their time and resources to assist WRPD during these tests and during actual emergencies. Their support is invaluable.

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