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## **Press Release**

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## Saline County Office of Emergency Management to test Saline Alerts System

September 21, 2022 Saline County, AR – The Saline County Office of Emergency Management will be conducting a County-wide test of the Saline Alerts Emergency Notification system on October 12, 2022. The Saline Alerts system is powered by Everbridge, and uses a combination of automated phone calls, text messages, and emails to share time-sensitive information with residents. Members of the public can create a profile using the Everbridge portal on the Saline County OEM website (<a href="https://www.salinecounty.org/emergency\_management">https://www.salinecounty.org/emergency\_management</a>) to customize the types of alerts they would like to receive, and how they will be delivered (phone call, text, email, or a combination).

The test will occur at 1 PM on October 12<sup>th</sup>, following the weekly Outdoor Warning Siren test scheduled for noon on clear weather days. Residents will receive an automated call, text, or email from Saline Alerts notifying them of the test. In an actual emergency, these messages would contain information on potential hazards, available resources, or necessary recovery information useful to the public.

Future tests will be conducted every six months in order to maintain proficiency in using the system, with the next test scheduled for the month of January. Information on those recurring tests will be provided through the Saline County OEM Facebook page.

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