The West Feliciana Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will send a Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) test message using the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).

The message will read:

**TEST TEST TEST- This is a test of our IPAWS alerting system. Please disregard.**

If you are not one of the pre-selected public officials and have received these messages, please disregard them.

We want to assure the public that this testing will not become the norm but it’s necessary to ensure the community’s ability to receive emergency messaging.

The two test times and locations are:

1. 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 18th 2024 - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located on West Feliciana Parkway.
2. 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19th 2024 - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located on West Feliciana Parkway.

The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System is the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s system used to distribute alert and warning messages. IPAWS is a comprehensive, coordinated, integrated system that can be used by authorized public officials to deliver effective, life-saving, alert messages to the public. This is the same system used for Amber Alerts, National Weather Service (NWS) Alerts, and Silver Alerts.

In the time of a natural or man-made disaster, or to secure the safety of the public, the West Feliciana Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will use this system to convey emergency messaging to the public (e.g., evacuations, shelter-in-place, areas to avoid etc.).

These tests will assess the operational readiness of the IPAWS infrastructure for distribution of an emergency message and determine where, if any, improvements are needed.