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EMERGENCY ALERT TEST

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A test of the EMERGENCY ALERT system will be undertaken tomorrow, Friday 24 November 2017, from 12.00 pm (midday).

ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) Commissioner Dominic Lane said the test will target selected areas of the Duffy and Wright suburbs.

“Landline and mobile telephones within the selected test area will receive either a voice or text message which will state it is a test message only”, Commissioner Lane said.

“People who receive the EMERGENCY ALERT test message are not required to undertake any actions.

“The objectives of the test are to build on earlier trials and to evaluate location-based system improvements using mobile towers.

“EMERGENCY ALERTS provide our emergency services with another option to alert the ACT community to an imminent or immediate threat, or emergency situation.

“This is in addition to existing public communications including real-time alerts and warnings through the ESA website and social media accounts, as well as arrangements with our local media”.

The EMERGENCY ALERT test is also a timely reminder that the bushfire season is upon us.

“Recent wet weather may have delayed the start of the bushfire season this year, but our message remains the same, now is the time to prepare,” Mr Lane said.

For more information about the EMERGENCY ALERT test go to the ACT Emergency Services website www.esa.act.gov.au or call Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

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