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Newport Beach to Introduce, Test AlertOC System on Thursday, May 21

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. -- City of Newport Beach residents and businesses will receive an introductory message from AlertOC, the new, countywide emergency notification system on Thursday, May 21 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Newport Beach is implementing AlertOC to give city officials the ability to communicate with residents and businesses about time-sensitive, emergency or public safety matters.

Thursday's test call is primarily intended to introduce the service to the community. All listed primary residential and business phones in Newport Beach are automatically included in the system and will receive a phone message that will last less than 60 seconds.

If a residence or business with a listed "land line" does not receive the test call, the resident or business owner should visit the city's website at www.city.newport-beach.ca.us and click on the "AlertOC" button to enter their contact information into the secure database.

In addition, community members can choose to add up to three phone numbers and two e-mail addresses to the database and receive emergency information via text messages to cell phones, PDAs, and e-mail accounts. They can also opt to have information delivered through special receiving devices (TTY/TDD) for the hearing impaired.

Residents with call-blocking services can also receive the city's AlertOC calls by adding 949-644-3620 to their approved number list.

For more information about Thursday's AlertOC system test, please call 949-644-3109.