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## **Regional Test of AlertOC System to take place on October 17, 2019: Take Part in Orange County's Annual Regional Test by Signing Up at AlertOC.org**

SEAL BEACH, CA – AlertOC, the County's mass notification system, is a critical link for residents to immediately learn of any required actions, such as evacuating their homes during an imminent fire.

On October 17, 2019 Orange County residents will receive a Test Emergency Alert to their mobile device. The test will replicate a large scale, multi-jurisdictional emergency requiring thousands of numbers to be called simultaneously across Orange County's entire region. This is the ninth annual regional test of the system and will include participating cities as well as the County's unincorporated areas. The City of Seal Beach will be participating in this test.

The distinctive feature of AlertOC is the ability for individuals to register multiple contact methods and addresses. Registrations of cell phone and alternate numbers dramatically increase the ability to reach the greatest number of community members within minutes. This enables landlines, cell phones and e-mail addresses to be incorporated into a single notification system.

We should all take action to prepare for emergencies and disasters that can affect our communities. Our goal is to increase the overall number of individuals, families, and communities that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, business, school, and place of worship. We are urging residents and businesses to prepare for the many hazards that threaten our daily lives and sense of normalcy – most often occurring in Southern California with little to no warning.

Residents can do their part to prepare for emergencies by registering for AlertOC. The time is now to sign up and include cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses to be a part of the regional test. For more information or to register alternate phone numbers or e-mail addresses, visit [AlertOC.org](http://AlertOC.org).

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