

PRESS RELEASE
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**CITY OF BENICIA
ANNOUNCING SIREN TESTING –COMMUNITY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

******* For Immediate Release*******

TESTING OF SIREN SYSTEM TO RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT 11 AM

BENICIA, CA, October 27, 2016 — The City of Benicia will resume testing of its siren system on Wednesday, November 2nd at 11:00 am. The City recently upgraded the sirens, and corresponding software system. The sirens are in place to provide community alerts in the event of an emergency.

The City's system consists of seven (7) sirens located throughout the community. These sirens may be activated individually or citywide to alert the community of an emergency. The sirens were previously tested on the first Wednesday of each month. This testing will resume as of Wednesday, November 2nd. In the event of a "real" activation of the siren system, information and instructions associated with the activation of the sirens may be accessed by viewing Benicia TV (BTV), or by accessing the City's website (www.ci.benicia.ca.us). BTV can be viewed on the various networks available: Comcast Cable Channel 27 & AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

The City of Benicia, as well as both the Fire and Police Departments provide information via social media. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Please do not call 911 to request information, unless you have an emergency.

We remind the community that these tests will be conducted the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am. Please do not call 9-1-1 to inquire about the siren testing. All questions should be directed to firedept@ci.benicia.ca.us or 707-746-4275.

Register for Emergency Alerts now at:

www.AlertBenicia.org

The City of Benicia now uses **AlertBenicia** to alert residents about a variety of events, ranging from severe weather, fires, floods and other emergencies, to more routine announcements, such as road closures and water utility maintenance. Messages will be sent to residents on their preferred contact paths—cell phone, SMS, home phone, email, fax, pager and more—to ensure real-time access to potentially lifesaving information. Residents listed in the Benicia 911 database will be automatically subscribed to alerts by phone. Please register today at www.AlertBenicia.org

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