



# Calvert County NEWS

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### **Nationwide Test of Emergency Alert System is Set for Nov. 9** *First of Its Kind, Test Will Involve All Broadcasters*

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Oct. 18, 2011** – The Calvert County Department of Public Safety advises county residents that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Federal Communications Commission and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m.

During the test, which may last up to three and a half minutes, the public will hear an audio message on broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wireline providers across all states and territories.

The national-level EAS is a public alert and warning system that enables the President of the United States to address the American public during extreme emergencies. Similar to local EAS tests that are conducted frequently, the nationwide test serves as a reminder that everyone should establish an emergency preparedness kit and emergency plan for themselves, their families, communities and businesses.

Visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) for more information about how to prepare for and stay informed about what to do in the event of an actual emergency. Details on the nationwide test are available at [www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas\\_info.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm). For more on the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, visit [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us).

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*Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.*