

North Dakota 2019 EAS TEST SCHEDULE

This is the 2019 Required Monthly Test (RMT) schedule for the North Dakota Emergency Alert System (EAS). The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) has now implemented the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) to disseminate alert and warning messages to commercial radio and television broadcasters simultaneously across EAS. IPAWS is a modernization and integration of the nation's alert and warning infrastructure, replacing the analog daisy-chain dissemination system formerly used for distribution of EAS alerts.

RMTs initiated by the State will be disseminated through IPAWS – <https://apps.fema.gov>. Stations monitoring analog broadcasts can receive re-broadcast of EAS tests and alerts by continued monitoring of assigned LP-1 stations and/or through digital IPAWS CAP communications.

On-air, cable and satellite radio and television stations must ensure their equipment is programmed to process the following non-weather emergency codes used by state and local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) authorized to disseminate non-weather emergency and warning codes using the IPAWS system. A new **BLU** code (Blue Alert is for endangered Law Enforcement Officers) is being added and will be effective January 18, 2019. The new code will need to be programmed into equipment before that date.

Non-Weather Event Codes

EAS Test Codes

RWT - Required Weekly Test
RMT – Required Monthly Test

Emergency Codes

LAE – Local Area Emergency
CEM – Civil Emergency Msg
TOE – Telephone Outage (911)
CAE – Child Abduction Emergency
BLU- Blue Alert

Evacuation Codes

EVI – Evacuation Immediate
SPW – Shelter-In-Place Warning

Warning Codes

CDW – Civil Danger Warning
FRW – Fire Warning
HMW – Hazardous Materials
LEW – Law Enforcement
RHW – Radiological Hazard Warning

Upon reception of an RMT, commercial radio and television stations have 60 minutes to re-transmit the alert. The RMT is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. Odd months are during the daylight hours. Even months are at night. If the first Wednesday falls on a holiday, the test will be conducted on the second Wednesday of the month. ***If the local PSAP is unable to initiate a local monthly test, the local primary broadcast station should activate the RMT.***

If there are technical problems with an RMT, it should be sent again the following week on the same day and time period.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>
January 2	2 - 3 PM	ND State Radio
February 6	11 - Midnight	PEP (KFYR-AM)
March 6	2 - 3 PM	Local PSAP
April 3	11 - Midnight	ND State Radio
May 1	2 - 3 PM	PEP (KFYR-AM)
June 5	11 - Midnight	Local PSAP
July 3	2 - 3 PM	ND State Radio
August 7	11 - Midnight	PEP (KFYR-AM)
September 4	2 - 3 PM	Local PSAP
October 2	11 - Midnight	ND State Radio
November 6	2 - 3 PM	PEP (KFYR-AM)
December 4	11 - Midnight	Local PSAP

ND State Radio - (Statewide Alert Dissemination or Local backup)
PEP - Primary Entry Point (National Emergency Dissemination)
PSAP - Public Safety Answering Point (Local Emergencies within Designated Jurisdictions)