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Dearborn to individually test outdoor

emergency sirens on Thursday, March 8

*One-by-one tests will occur periodically during the day*

**DEARBORN,** Mich. - The City of Dearborn will be individually testing outdoor emergency sirens on Thursday, March 8. Residents and visitors should not be alarmed if they hear a nearby siren sound.

Siren tests will start about 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 8 and continue periodically throughout the testing window in different areas of the city.

Dearborn has 19 emergency outdoor sirens. Emergency personnel and technicians will sound the alarms one at a time during this Thursday, March 8 testing to ensure each is working properly and can be heard appropriately. An alarm could be sounded more than once on Thursday, March 8.

This is part of a periodic, more thorough testing of the emergency alert system. Dearborn will continue to hold citywide monthly tests on the first Saturday at 1 p.m.

Outdoor emergency sirens are designed to quickly warn people who are out-of-doors about threats, including severe weather, such as tornados, so they can take cover.

The City of Dearborn also uses the sirens when it declares a snow emergency in the winter, so residents know not to park their vehicles on the street.

In an actual emergency-- if time allows-- information may also posted on the City website at [www.cityofdearborn.org](http://www.cityofdearborn.org) and on social media at [www.Facebook.com/cityofdearborn](http://www.Facebook.com/cityofdearborn).

Dearborn Police also distribute emergency information to residents who register for it through its Nixle alert system. Sign up at Nixle.com. Because Nixle messages are controlled by the police, they are likely to be more timely in an emergency than the city’s website or social media.

The City thanks residents for their patience during the upcoming siren testing. This work is part of ongoing efforts to ensure Dearborn provides top-quality safety measures for residents, workers and visitors in Dearborn.

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