

North Dakota 2015 EAS TEST SCHEDULE

This is the 2015 schedule for North Dakota monthly EAS tests. The State has now implemented the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) to disseminate alert and warning messages simultaneously across the Emergency Alert System (EAS), Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and Non-Weather Emergency Messaging (NWEM). IPAWS is a modernization and integration of the nation's alert and warning infrastructure, replacing the antiquated daisy-chain dissemination system formerly used for distribution of EAS alerts. As such, this year's EAS Required Monthly Tests (RMTs) will no longer be disseminated across the North Dakota State Radio **154.935 MHz** frequency and LP-1 stations are no longer required to monitor this frequency.

As local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) come onto the IPAWS system, they will be authorized to disseminate messages using the following non-weather emergency and warning codes. Please check to ensure your equipment is programmed to process these emergency and warning EAS codes.

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

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 a monthly test you have 60 minutes to re-transmit the alert. The monthly test 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 held on the second Wednesday of the month. ***If the local PSAP is unable to initiate a local monthly test, the local primary station should do it.***

If there are technical problems with a monthly test, it should be sent again the following week same day and time period.

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

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