

Test of University's Emergency Warning Systems

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Communication during a crisis or emergency is a key component of the university's ability to respond effectively. To be sure that we are as ready as we can be, the University of Memphis will conduct tests of TigerText – the emergency text messaging system – and the outdoor warning system on **Thursday, September, 18 at 11:00 AM.**

The TigerText test message will begin with the phrase **“Univ of Memphis Alert,”** followed by the message **“Test of emergency warning system.”** People who have problems receiving the TigerText message should contact U of M Telecommunications at 901-678-2999. Other comments related to the test should be submitted at <http://www.memphis.edu/crisis>.

We would like to know at what time you receive the text message, and we especially need to know if you did not receive the message at all. Please keep in mind that this service depends on correct registration with the TigerText system, as well as with cellular phone carriers' guidelines for delivering such messages to their customers' phones. If you have not yet signed up for TigerText, you may do so at <http://tigertext.memphis.edu>.

The outdoor warning system test will last approximately three minutes, starting with a brief tone, followed by voice instructions advising that **“This is only a test,”** followed by a longer siren/tone. Listeners need not take any action during the test. The test of the outdoor warning system will be cancelled if there is a chance of severe weather on the scheduled test day, but the TigerText test will proceed regardless.

The outdoor warning system is designed to be heard outdoors, and if people are indoors or are listening to music, etc., they may or may not be able to hear the sirens or understand the voice messages. In an actual emergency situation, the outdoor alarm would be used to warn people who are outside to seek shelter immediately; additional, more detailed information would be available from other sources. We would also like your comments on the outdoor warning system; they can be made online at <http://www.memphis.edu/crisis>.

More information about these efforts and emergency planning in general at the University of Memphis is available online at <http://www.memphis.edu/crisis>.

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