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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Two Million OC Residents Will  
Receive AlertOC Test Call**

(Santa Ana, CA) – More than two million Orange County residents will receive a call on Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. to test the County's regional mass notification system known as AlertOC. This is the second annual regional test of the system and will include 29 participating cities and the county's unincorporated areas.

The regional test is held in conjunction with the Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill. The AlertOC drill on Oct. 20 will replicate a large scale, multi-jurisdictional emergency requiring thousands of numbers to be called simultaneously across Orange County's entire region. The phone message will urge all residents to prepare for real-life emergencies by registering their cell numbers, text numbers and e-mail addresses at [www.AlertOC.com](http://www.AlertOC.com) for the best chance to receive vital, timely information when away from home.

As part of the AlertOC drill, the county's emergency public information hotline will be activated from 5 – 7 p.m. to provide preparedness tips and other emergency-related information. Community members are invited to call (714) 628-7085 with questions on how to adequately prepare their home or business for any emergency.

Emergencies can happen at any time. A wildfire could spread or a flood could close the roads to a neighborhood while residents are away from home. In these instances, AlertOC is a critical link for residents to immediately learn of any required actions.

For more information or to register alternate phone numbers, visit [www.AlertOC.com](http://www.AlertOC.com). Commuters are reminded to be safe and use hands-free devices when talking on the phone and driving.