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Take Part in the Mass Notification Test on January 15 Register for Emergency Alerts at www.Yolo-Alert.org

(Woodland, CA) – On January 15, at 10.00 a.m., Yolo County will participate in a test of the Yolo County Emergency Alert Notification System. The Yolo County Office of Emergency Services urges residents and businesses to use this opportunity to take proactive steps to ensure receipt of timely information during emergencies by registering for emergency alerts at www.Yolo-Alert.org.

Past wildfire and flooding seasons are a reminder of threats in the Yolo County area. Both wildfires and flooding occur rapidly, forcing evacuations and road closures. Yolo-Alert, the county's mass notification system, built upon the Everbridge® Platform in partnership with the counties of Sacramento and Placer, is a critical link for residents to immediately learn of any required actions, such as evacuations from homes during an imminent fire. Yolo County and its city partners rely heavily on this communication tool to warn residents of potential hazards and the actions they can take to remain safe.

On January 15, more than two million Sacramento, Yolo and Placer county residents will receive a call at 10:00 a.m. to test the joint alert system. The drill will replicate a large scale, multi-jurisdictional emergency, requiring thousands of numbers to be called simultaneously across the Sacramento tri-county region. This is the first annual regional test of the system.

The distinctive feature of Yolo-Alert is the ability to register more than one contact method at a specific address. Registration of cell phones, alternate numbers and e-mail addresses dramatically increase the ability to reach the greatest number of community members within minutes. This enables landlines (which are already registered), cell phones and e-mail addresses to be incorporated into a single notification system.

Additionally, the newest feature of the mass notification system is the Everbridge® App which will send push notifications based on a user's smartphone location at the time of an emergency, providing alerts about evacuation areas, flooded road conditions, public safety emergencies that require sheltering in place, and more. App downloads are available from the Apple Store for iOS devices and the Google Play Store for Android devices.

Residents can do their part to prepare for emergencies by registering for Yolo-Alert at www.Yolo-Alert.org. Now is the time to self-register cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses, and download the App to fully participate in the regional test. For more information and to register alternate phone numbers and e-mail addresses, visit: www.Yolo-Alert.org.

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