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Subject: Warnings Starting to Roll Out on Wireless Emergency Alerts

Today, the most critical NWS warnings will begin triggering Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on WEA-capable cell phones.

NWS produced Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) messages are pushed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). These messages are formatted to trigger a WEA broadcast for the following types of NWS warnings.

Tornado Warnings
Flash Flood Warnings
Hurricane and Typhoon Warnings
Extreme Wind Warnings
Blizzard and Ice Storm Warnings
Dust Storm Warnings

Through the summer, the NWS will be working to enable the triggering of WEA for Tsunami Warnings.

For information about IPAWS, please visit:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/>

Wireless carriers began rolling out the WEA service across the nation on April 7, 2012. All major wireless carriers and hundreds of smaller carriers are taking part in WEA on a voluntary basis. To find out if your phone will get these messages, contact your wireless carrier or check the link below:

<http://fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/emas.shtm>

For information about EAS, please visit:

http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm

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