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DURHAM, N.H. -- Regular testing of the University of New Hampshire's outdoor notification system will occur Friday, Oct. 17, 2008, at noon. The test will include the siren, a "canned" message and a recording signaling the end of the test. The entire exercise will take less than 10 minutes.

The system is designed to not only alert the campus community when there is imminent danger but also follows up with voice instructions. This two-step approach, called Alert and Inform, helps reduce confusion and restore order.

Sirens are located on the roof of the Memorial Union Building, the roof of Morse Hall, A-Lot and the dirt parking lot near the equestrian facility. The system reaches a distance of nearly a mile in all directions.

In addition, the university will also simultaneously send test messages through its alert system to registered cell phones, pagers, BlackBerrys, PDAs and/or e-mail accounts, and a directed communication to all UNH faculty, staff and students.

Contact Paul Dean, UNH's coordinator for emergency preparedness, at (603) 862-1427 for more information or with any questions.

