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EMERGENCY ALERT TEST TO MARK EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Kitimat BC, April 21, 2022 — The District of Kitimat will be using Emergency Preparedness Week to encourage residents to be informed and ready to act in the case of an emergency.

Emergency Preparedness Week runs May 1 to 7, and the District will use the occasion to send a test alert of its emergency notification system, scheduled for May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

“The District has a very responsive notification system which can quickly inform residents of emergencies but also of other important matters,” says Kitimat Fire Chief and Emergency Program Coordinator Trent Bossence. “We hope our upcoming test will be a valuable opportunity for our community to get more familiar with this system.”

The District uses a system called Voyent Alert, and residents are encouraged to learn more about it online at www.kitimat.ca/alerts.

Anyone who had previously enrolled in the RapidNotify system are now in the Voyent Alert system for emergency notifications from the District, but other than critical emergency alerts they may still be missing out on valuable community notices.

“Even if you think you’re enrolled, please visit our website and log in using your phone number or e-mail and find out which topics you are subscribed too,” adds Bossence. “The District uses this service regularly to share information such as road closures or water issues, but unless you have explicitly selected these categories you might be missing out on important community information.”

If you’d like more information about emergency preparedness, visit Kitimat.ca and select “Emergency Services” under the City Services menu at the top.

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