Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) State and Local Testing

“Opt-in” required to receive WEA tests

The FCC in December, 2019 released new rules on testing WEA. All WEA testing is now only conducted through the “WEA test” code. Live WEA tests are no longer allowed.

In order for a smart phone to receive a WEA test it must:

1. Be a WEA test capable phone (newer phone and recent software update installed)
2. The phone subscriber must “opt-in”.

**For iPhone the “opt-in” procedure is:**

To opt in State/Local WEA Tests:
Open the Phone app and tap Keypad.
To turn it on: Enter *5005*25371# and tap call. You’ll then receive a message stating “Test alerts enabled.”
To turn it off: Enter *5005*25370# and tap call. You’ll then receive a message stating “Test alerts disabled.”

**For Android the “opt-in” is:**
Found in a different place depending on what phone you have but the common theme is that the settings will be called "Cell Broadcasts" or "Emergency alerts."