



News Release

First Test for Regional Emergency Alert System

Sechelt, BC—March 7, 2022— At 10 a.m. today, a test alert was sent to 2,379 people who have signed up for the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) emergency alert system (Voyent Alert!).

“This system will be tested annually to ensure we are prepared to send our alerts in real emergency situations,” says Matt Treit, SCRD Manager of Protective Services. “Again, we encourage all residents on the Sunshine Coast to include downloading and registering for the alert system in their personal emergency plan.”

During the test, subscribers received the following message on their mobile, voice call or email:

“This is a TEST of the Sunshine Coast Regional District Emergency Alert System. This is ONLY a TEST. If this had been an actual emergency or threat, you would now see or hear instructions with information to help keep you safe. For further information go to scrd.ca/alert-system. This is ONLY a TEST, no action is required.”

Voyent Alert! allows residents, businesses and visitors to receive messages through an app, text message, voice call or email for critical and emergency events such as earthquakes, fires and flooding events.

A user can subscribe to receive alerts from the SCRD for multiple locations including home, school and work. Information included in the alert sent to users can include maps, images, messages and web links to better assist the community prepare and respond to emergency situations.

Learn more about the alert system and sign up at www.scrd.ca/alert-system.

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