



# City of Flagstaff

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## **Museum Fire flood area siren alerting system testing and protocol** *Siren testing scheduled for Friday, June 17 from 12 – 2 p.m.*

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz – The Museum Fire flood area siren alerting system has been installed in the Grandview Homes and Sunnyside neighborhoods and full-volume testing has been scheduled for **Friday, June 17 from 12 - 2 p.m.** During the full-volume testing period, residents in the area will hear an alarm sound, followed by a voice message repeated three times in both English and Spanish, concluding with a wind down siren sound signifying the end of that message. This process may repeat several times during the testing period. Testing may be postponed in the event of rain or impacts from nearby wildfires.

It is important to note that the wind down siren sound does **not** signify the end of the threat of a flood event. To hear the siren sounds that will be used or to read more about the Museum Fire flood area siren alerting system, please visit <https://www.museumfloodprojects.com/sirensystem>.

The Museum Fire flood area siren alerting system is a supplemental alerting system to provide additional notice of imminent danger to residents and does not replace the Emergency Notification Alert text messages. All residents in the area should register to receive Emergency Notification Alert text messages (free and confidential signup at <http://www.coconino.az.gov/ready>).

### **Correction to previous communication on the siren alerting system protocol**

A previous communication on the Museum Fire flood area siren alerting system incorrectly stated the thresholds at which the siren alerting system would be activated. It was previously incorrectly stated that the siren alerting system would be activated at both Threshold 2 (0.40 inches of rain on the Museum Fire burn scar) and at Threshold 3 (0.75 inches of rain on the Museum Fire burn scar). In fact, the siren alerting system will **only** be activated when Threshold 3 is reached.

This protocol promotes consistency between the siren alerting system and the Emergency Notification Alert text messages. The emergency notification protocol that will be used for the 2022 monsoon season is unchanged from the protocol used in previous years; neighborhoods will receive Emergency Notification Alerts at the same rain thresholds as in previous years.

The following is the protocol that will be used during a rain event in the area:

Threshold	Criteria	Action
Threshold 1	Activated by 0.25 inches of rainfall in 15 minutes as measured by rain gauges throughout the Museum Fire burn scar.	The Flood Director will alert the Emergency Operations Center, City and District officials and activate personnel to monitor drainages and water flows. No emergency notification alerts will be sent, and the siren alerting system will <b>not</b> be activated.
Threshold 2	Activated by 0.40 inches of rainfall in 15 minutes as measured by rain gauges throughout the Museum Fire burn scar.	An Emergency Notification Alert will be issued only for the Mt. Elden Estates neighborhood. A text message with the alert will be sent to cell phones registered to addresses in the area through the Emergency Notifications database. The alert will also be posted to City and District social media channels. The siren alerting system will <b>not</b> be activated.
Threshold 3	Activated by 0.75 inches of rainfall in 15 minutes as measured by rain gauges throughout the Museum Fire burn scar.	An Emergency Notification Alert will be issued for the Mt Elden Estates, Paradise, Grandview Homes and Sunnyside neighborhoods. A text message with the alert will be sent to cell phones registered to addresses in these areas through the Emergency Notifications database. The alert will be posted to City and District social media channels and the siren alerting system <b>will</b> be activated.

When residents receive the Emergency Notification Alert text message or hear the siren alerting system, they should immediately follow all safety instructions. Children should never play in drainages.

For related questions, please contact Sam Beckett, City of Flagstaff Streets Section Director at [Samuel.Beckett@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:Samuel.Beckett@flagstaffaz.gov).

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