

## ATTENTION BROADCAST MEDIA

**The National Weather Service (NWS) will issue TEST Weather Warnings on Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**All TEST warnings will be sent as Special Weather Statements over NWS Communication Systems, except over NOAA Weather Radio, where they will be tone alerted. The first test will be sent using the Emergency Alert System (EAS) Required Weekly Test (RWT) Event Code. The last test will be sent using the EAS Required Monthly Test (RMT) Event Code.**

The NWS Upton, NY Office will use this schedule:

1. ***On Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> around 10:07 am***, a TEST Severe Thunderstorm Warning will be issued for the following Counties in Southeast NY: Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, the five boroughs of NYC, Nassau, and Suffolk. The other 4 NWS Offices that serve New York State will perform this TEST at about the same time.
2. ***On Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> around 1:47 pm***, a TEST Tornado Warning will be issued for the following Counties in Southeast NY: Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, the five boroughs of NYC, Nassau, and Suffolk. The other 4 NWS Offices that serve New York State will perform this TEST at about the same time.

All test participants will be provided with a URL and Password to access and complete “on-line” response questionnaires. These communication drills are part of Weather Hazards Awareness Week (the week of March 21st), which was proclaimed by New York State Governor George Pataki. Emergency Managers (State, County, Town, and Local), Schools, and other people will be participating in these annual drills.

**To increase regional participation, we sincerely request that you participate by re-broadcasting the TEST Severe Thunderstorm Warning on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the TEST Tornado Warning on March 25<sup>th</sup>.** Each TEST, from start tones through text and end tones, will take less than 1 minute.

If you need additional information please don't hesitate to contact Gary Conte, NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist at [gary.conte@noaa.gov](mailto:gary.conte@noaa.gov) or (631) 924-0593 XT. 223.