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Emergency text alert system test set for Oct. 4

An important part of Oakland University's commitment to maintaining a safe campus environment is ensuring that all campus community members are well informed of emergency situations.

The Oakland University Police Department uses text message alerts to quickly notify students, faculty and staff of circumstances in which health, safety or welfare may be in jeopardy. The only other situations in which text alerts are issued include the following:

- University closures
- Campus-wide cancellation of classes
- Campus snow emergencies
- System tests in fall and winter semesters

Students, faculty and staff who haven't already registered for this free text message alert service are strongly encouraged to do so. Online registration is available at oupolice.com/emergencies/alerts, and an OU email address and Grizzly ID number is required to complete the process.



The fall 2016 test of the alert system is scheduled to take place at roughly 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4. New system users should sign up at least 24 hours prior to the test to receive a test message.

System users who have not had an active OU e-mail account for more than 12 months and any user who has obtained a new cell phone number since registering will need to update their account using the registration link provided above.

Registered users who do not receive the Oct. 4 test alert should use the registration link above to ensure that their registered contact information is correct. Those who did not receive a test alert should notify the Oakland University Police Department at servicedesk@oupolice.com.

Complete information on OU's emergency preparedness and communication plans – which cover university closings, tornado warnings, psychological emergencies, lock downs, evacuations, bomb threats, hazardous material incidents and more – are available online at the OUPD's [Emergency Management](#) website.