Oakland County Siren Test

How to participate

All amateur radio operators are encouraged to participate in the monthly siren test. Subnet control operators usually start their net approximately 30 minutes before the sirens are sounded. Subnet operators typically start with a roll call of all stations that have been assigned a siren in advance, followed by a request for any other stations that would like to check a siren.

To take part in a siren test, follow these steps:

- Contact the Subnet coordinator in your area to request a siren. Please provide the areas you are willing to travel to in your message. The subnet coordinator will then assign a siren within that area for you to check.
- Make sure your radio is programmed for the appropriate subnet repeater frequency.
- Plan to arrive at your assigned siren at least 20 minutes early to allow sufficient time to locate the siren and get into position.
- When called, let the subnet control operator know your status (i.e., enroute to your assigned siren or on station at your assigned station). This confirms to the subnet control operator that you will be prepared to check your assigned siren.
- Observe the items noted in the *What to Check* section below during the test.
- Report your results when the subnet control operator calls on you for your report. Report "All OK" if the siren looks and performs properly, or report specific concerns or conditions requiring attention.

What to Check

In order to ensure the functionality of the sirens, operators should visually inspect their assigned siren and report on the following items during the test:

- Activation for a full three minutes
- Continual, smooth rotation of the siren's horn while activated
- Full sound volume from the siren
- Condition of the siren horn, antenna, cable, and control box
- Encroachment of tree limbs, vegetation, or the presence of any bird or insect nests on the control box, siren horn, or power lines feeding the siren.

The Oakland County sirens are tested on the first Saturday of every month from March through November. No tests are conducted in December, January, or February. The April test is conducted at 1:00 PM on the Wednesday during Severe Weather Awareness Week.

The Oakland County ARPSC uses a Primary and Subnet system for the monthly siren test net. The subnets are responsible for all sirens within their geographical area of the county. A listing of all subnets, including contact information may be found below.

Location	**Frequency**	**Coordinator**	**Email**
Countywide Net	146.90(-) 100.0	KD8QPF - Brad	kd8qpf@gmail.com
Northeast Subnet	147.18(+) 100.0	KE8IHQ - John	autreyjc@yahoo.com
Northwest Subnet	146.84(-) 100.0	KB8UNX - Mark	mraymond@raysystem.com
Southeast Subnet	146.76(-) 100.0	N8FE - Marsha	craftygal7388@gmail.com
Southwest Subnet	444.80(+) 110.9	WA8UMT - Rick	rredoutey@aol.com

You can find more information at   https://arpsc.com/sirennet.php

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