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TO: Area Media Outlets

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RE: **Outdoor Public Warning Sirens**

RUN: Immediate Release

Bay County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch has installed six additional Outdoor Public Warning Sirens to the existing Bay County Public Warning System. Residents who live within a mile radius of the following areas will be able to hear the new sirens: intersection of Wheeler and Old Kawkawlin in Bangor Township, intersection of Murphy and Lasalle in Bay City's North end, Kiesel Road near John Glenn High School, intersection of Midland Road and Noel Way near Western High School, near the Cass Avenue boat launch, and Lincoln Avenue near the water tower.

These are in addition to the nine previously installed sirens in Bay County (see attached map.)

The initial test of the new public warning sirens will take place at **1:00pm on May 15th, 2013**, unless there is a chance of severe weather in the forecast. All 15 sirens will be activated for this test.

The siren tests will then resume their normal schedule. They will be activated for a full three minute test the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm, and a short "growl" test at 6:00pm the same day.

RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED THAT THIS IS A TEST AND ARE INSTRUCTED NOT TO CONTACT 9-1-1. AS THIS IS ONLY A TEST OF THE BAY COUNTY OUTDOOR PUBLIC WARNING SYSTEM.

IF THIS WAS A REAL EMERGENCY RESIDENTS SHOULD GO INSIDE TAKE SHELTER AND TUNE IN TO LOCAL TV OR RADIO BROADCAST AND LISTEN FOR FURTHER EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS.

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Bay County Outdoor Public Warning System

