

## 2020 REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST SCHEDULE

**As you can see the 2020 EAS Schedule comes with a few changes.**

1. The test schedule includes **RMT** (Required Monthly Tests) only. Going forward, weekly tests are no longer intended to be included in the yearly schedule.
2. Please ensure your EAS equipment is configured to conduct RWTs at least once a week They may be conducted at times of your choosing that best fits your stations programming needs. (Refer to FCC CFR: specifies random days and times)
3. **RMTs** until further notice are intended to be originated from Connecticut State Police Message Center in Middletown (CSP-HQ) and distributed to Broadcasters. Primary stations should discontinue originating Required Monthly Tests in 2020. The RMT will be delivered to your equipment over the State Relay Network VHF and Telco links.
4. Primary stations are requested to configure EAS equipment for automatic relay. This is a very simple filter adjustment and provides the test will be relayed on time, very close to the expected time for all downstream stations. (All other stations may re-transmit within 60 minutes of the time they are received as per usual)
5. In the event of a failure with the CSP originated RMT – It is suggested Broadcasters send a RWT that week and notify the SECC to be sure we are aware.
6. The SECC will generate a timely statement of explanation to stations suitable for attaching to their EAS log which provides a reason for the failure. Every effort will be made to resolve technical problems that should arise as swiftly as possible.
7. If an equipment failure or other issue were to become known and prevent CSP from issuing tests, Primary stations may be called upon in advance to serve to substitute origination.
8. CSP Staff are aware of the importance for these tests (with emphasis on those occurring in daytime) to be performed on-time. Currently we are targeting a **2**-minute 'go, no-go' window for daytime tests and a **5**-minute window for overnight tests. This is a starting point and may be adjusted based on feedback received. Such a window will provide some leeway for dispatchers, tasked with this additional responsibility generating EAS tests in an active 911 call center environment, who may be handling emergency calls when test time occurs. CSP recognizes the value in generating alerts from the origination point as it fosters familiarity with the alerting equipment as well as properly validates ability to deliver an Amber (or other legacy EAS message) and proper functioning of the State Relay Network.

Many Thanks,

Please reach out with any questions, concerns or comments

Mike Rice, Chair

Jeff Hugabonne Co-Chair



Required Monthly Test (RMT) Schedule

2020 CT STATE SECC RMT TEST SCHEDULE					
Month	Day	Date	Time	Type	ORIGINATOR
Jan	Tuesday	01/21/20	12:37 PM	Monthly-DAY	CSP-HQ
Feb	Thursday	02/20/20	12:37 AM	Monthly-NITE	CSP-HQ
Mar	Tuesday	03/17/20	12:37 PM	Monthly-DAY	CSP-HQ
Apr	Thursday	04/23/20	12:37 AM	Monthly-NITE	CSP-HQ
May	Tuesday	05/19/20	12:37 PM	Monthly-DAY	CSP-HQ
June	Thursday	06/18/20	12:37 AM	Monthly-NITE	CSP-HQ
July	Tuesday	07/21/20	12:37 PM	Monthly-DAY	CSP-HQ
Aug	Thursday	08/20/20	12:37 AM	Monthly-NITE	CSP-HQ
Sept	Tuesday	09/22/20	12:37 PM	Monthly-DAY	CSP-HQ
Oct	Thursday	10/22/20	12:37 AM	Monthly-NITE	CSP-HQ
Nov	Tuesday	11/17/20	12:37 PM	Monthly-DAY	CSP-HQ
Dec	Thursday	12/24/20	12:37 AM	Monthly-NITE	CSP-HQ

  

<p>FCC order now requires broadcasters to notify the FCC if their station broadcasts a false EAS alert and has enacted a requirement to do so within 24 hours of becoming aware email the FCC Ops Center <a href="mailto:FCCOPS@fcc.gov">FCCOPS@fcc.gov</a></p>	<p>State monthly tests (RMT) are required and must be re-transmitted within 60 minutes of the time they are received. Weekly local tests (RWT) are also required to be run</p>	<p>FCC's Part 11 Rules state that during odd-numbered months, the RMT will be scheduled between 8:30 a.m. and local sunset; during even-numbered months, the RMT will be scheduled between local sunset and 8:30 a.m</p>	<p>EAS Activations if a test is missed in any given month, notify CT SECC, Run a RWT as substitute and note in your log accordingly. RMT may be skipped in any month in which EAS is activated (with header codes, attention signal, audio message payload and EOM code) §11.51.</p>
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