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Pohakuloa Training Area to Test Mass Alert System

Pohakuloa Training Area, Hilo, Hawaii (June 17, 2022) — U.S. Army Garrison Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) will be upgrading and testing its mass warning notification system June 28-30.

Existing sirens will be modified, and in some areas, new sirens will be installed. As a part of the upgrade, all sirens at PTA will be tested.

Employees, neighbors and community members off the installation may hear the sirens and prerecorded voice messages during the testing period, including motorists on Daniel K. Inouye Highway (aka Saddle Road), and visitors at Gilbert Kahele State Park.

During the installation and upgrade, each siren may produce a few quick tones. The following is a breakdown of the actual siren testing:

• 29-30 June Pohakuloa Training Area Base Camp and Bradshaw Army Airfield

Community members, and motorists, can expect to hear pre-recorded verbal messages, and traditional siren wails. The entire test will take approximately five minutes per siren, and the tests will take place between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on the days above. These upgrades and testing will benefit the larger community in the event of an actual emergency.

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