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## **News Release**

## **Emergency Siren Test / Emergency Preparedness Week**

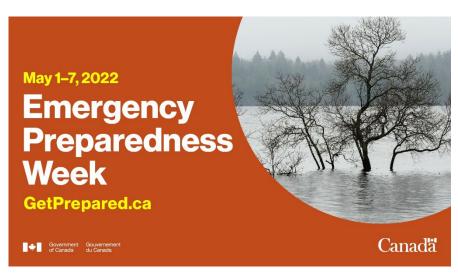
**Edson, Alberta, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – The Town of Edson will be testing the emergency siren at the Edson Fire Station on **Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:45pm**. This is a **TEST ONLY**. The test is a part of Emergency Preparedness Week on May 1-7, 2022.

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative that has taken place annually since 1996. It is a collaborative event undertaken by provincial and territorial emergency management organizations supporting activities at the local level, in concert with Public Safety Canada and partners. EP Week encourages Canadians to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- · Get an emergency kit

The Town of Edson will be using this opportunity to test the emergency siren at the Edson Fire Hall. Prior to the current pager/radio systems, volunteer firefighters used to listen for the siren as a notice that they needed to get to respond to the station for a call.

Now, the siren is kept in service as a backup system in the event all other communications (cell, pager, radio) were to go down.



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