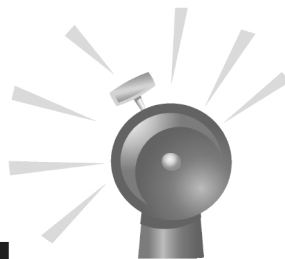


## Petersburg Borough Siren Alert & Warning System (SAWS)

# Siren Testing

**First Wednesday of Every Month  
at 12pm - 30 seconds, using a steady signal**



The sirens — used to alert the public in the event of an emergency such as a Tsunami, Natural Disaster, Major Fire or Foreign Attack — located on the roof of the Syd Wright Auditorium located at Petersburg Middle School, the Mort Fryer Sports Complex (Base Ball Fields) and Bayview Estates (Hungerford Hill) may use different sounds and tones to alert the public of different emergencies. Here is what they could sound like:

**Emergency Warning - Wail Tone** This will be a 3-5 minute wavering (warbling in pitch) tone or siren. The “Emergency Warning” signal should mean to all people that a danger is imminent and protective action (Evacuate, go to high ground or take shelter, depending on the emergency) should be taken immediately. Turn on your radio and listen for essential emergency information, keep telephone use limited to emergency contact, do not call 911 to ask about the sirens. The “Emergency Warning” signal shall be repeated as often as deemed necessary by local government authorities to obtain the desired response by the population.

**Attention/Alert - Steady Tone** A 3 – 5 minute steady signal from sirens. This signal may be used as authorized by city officials to alert the public to potential emergencies, where the public may face danger in the near future, such as under a Tsunami or Earthquake Advisory, in addition to any other meaning or requirement for action as determined by Borough officials. The Attention/Alert Signal should mean to all people, “Turn on radio or TV, keep telephone use limited to emergency contact only. Listen for essential emergency information, Be prepared to act.”

**Local Fire Alert - Wail Tone** This will be a 30 second wavering (warbling in pitch) tone or siren. The Local Fire Alert is only to be used in cases of major fire, where multiple structures are endangered, Initial responders are over-whelmed and additional help is needed from reserve units, or abnormal events such as a plane crash or other accidents that require many more responders. The “Local Fire Alert” signal should mean to all people that an active Fire response is ongoing, affected areas should be avoided and routes leading to the scene should remain clear. Turn on your radio and listen for additional information, do not call 911 to ask about the sirens. The “Local Fire Alert” signal shall be repeated as often as deemed necessary by local government authorities.