

Kentucky is taking part in an eight-state earthquake drill and says participants should "drop, cover and hold on" at 10:15 a.m. Thursday.

The Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium organizes the annual "ShakeOut," allowing individuals, schools, organizations and governments a chance to practice taking cover. Other states taking part are Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

Here's Barren County Emergency Management Director Tony Richey, says the sirens will be activated across the county. He explains more about the exercise:

{audio}<http://wcluradio.com/newscuts/0207richey.mp3>{/audio}

The event falls on the 201st anniversary of the New Madrid, Mo., earthquakes, the last of which occurred on Feb. 7, 1812.

The Kentucky Division of Emergency Management says more than 2.7 million people have registered for this year's drill, including more than a half-million from Kentucky. To register, visit <http://www.shakeout.org/centralus/register/> .

**EARTHQUAKE DRILL TODAY; TIME TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER**

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