

Coordinating Instructions for Vermont ARES'
Section Emergency Test 2008 (SET)

Hello All Amateur Radio Stations,

In a less formal format than last year, I'm issuing these coordinating instructions for this year's ARES SET. After taking a look at last year's After Action Reviews (AAR) from you, the Vermont ARES members, and my formal written AAR to the ARRL, following is what I propose for this year's exercise.

The Incident Control System (ICS) is the system authorities use to organize emergencies. We as Amateur Radio communicators play a vital role in the process. Knowing how ICS works allows us to better serve our 'Served Agency (s)' and to integrate into the total relief efforts. I know that many of you have taken ICS/NIMS 100/700, but I have no knowledge of how many have. To that end, I would like to use this missing piece of information as basis for messages for this year's SET.

Also please know that I tried to work around other Vermont Ham events in picking the 25th of October for our SET 08, but I know that there will be conflicts. Do the best you can.

Who: Any Amateur Radio operator, anywhere. (Primarily Vermont Hams however)

Date: Saturday 25 October 2008

Time: 0900-1200 local

Where: 3.976 MHz (Vermont Phone Emergency Net)(VPEN)
(This is the Vermont ARES rally frequency)
(UFH linked system may be active.)

NCS: W4WFJ

ANCS: WA1LIE

What: Each District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) is asked to compile a list of Hams in their district who have completed ICS/NIMS courses and report same by call sign only to the NCS. (The highest level course completed, e.g. 200, 300, 400)

How: DEC's may use any means available to them to collect this data. A net conducted on your local 2-meter repeater is suggested. After data has been compiled, report same to the HF net. Any format will be accepted.

Further Instructions:

1. VEPN is a formal, directed net. Anyone may check in. DEC's, or their representative, are required to check-in. Permission to secure from the net is required.
2. Other messages and reports may be passed. Lengthy messages will be passed off the VEPN frequency at the discretion of the NCS. (e.g.: up 10, down 10)
3. SEC-VT will inform the net participants of the scenario, and other pertinent information, after the initial role call of stations at the beginning of the exercise.
4. Expect to relay messages for other stations not in contact with the NCS.
5. Please give this message the widest dissemination possible. DEC's are required to pass this message to their district members.

Have fun!

73,

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