

New Hampshire Amateur Radio Emergency Service Simulated Emergency Test - 2008

Our SET is scheduled for November 8th. As discussed at the last ARES Leadership meeting, the ECs feel that they are in the best position to determine the part or part(s) of the communication Plan they wish to exercise. I encourage each member to contact their EC or AEC to understand on what part of the plan their group will be working on. I have received a number of e-mails from the various EC as to what their plans are. Many of them are quite interesting in their approach.

The portion of the plan that I am most interested in revolves around the activation and the call tree process. Active, Reserve and inactive (former) members will be contacted by their local group leadership between the hours of 8:00 and 17:00 local time on November 8th requesting certain station specific capability information. This information must be passed within the time frame about for your group to claim compliance to the SET criteria.

For the purpose of the activation part of the test, the Internet is considered non-functional, therefore information passed via e-mail cannot be claimed as a successful contact.

It will be permissible for the leadership to get with you in advance of the SET to secure the best means of contact you during the hours for contact on November 8th. This may be by phone, radio, packet or personal contact. Again, any part of the activation and call tree assumes no internet service "in or out" state-wide.

This is a graded exercise. The ability of your group leadership to contact you is an important component to a successful grade.

It is important to note that the activation portion explained above is only one part of the overall test. Your participation in your local plan as designed by your EC and his staff is paramount to a successful overall test.

Any questions should be directed to your EC, or as always anyone may contact me directly.

73,
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