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2016 Simulated Emergency Test

Beginning at 9:00AM on Saturday, October 22nd, Jackson County radio amateurs will participate in a regional exercise called the Simulated Emergency Test (SET). The scenario for SET will be announced over the air that morning and all simulated emergency communications will be prefaced with "Exercise, Exercise, Exercise." Amateur radio operators, also known as "HAMS", will establish a communications network in support of the Jackson County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), the National Weather Service, the Red Cross, and other local government, public service, and volunteer organizations.

The primary goal of the SET is for local HAMS to quickly and accurately pass voice, text, and image information for governmental and public service organizations from various locations throughout Jackson County.

The public will be able to monitor voice transmissions for the SET on 146.900MHz.

We, Jackson County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service), would like to meet with a representative of your organization sometime on the morning of the SET to pass simulated emergency traffic between your organization and the EMA Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The meeting should last less than 15 minutes unless you would like to be more involved and pass more traffic. Jackson County ARES will utilize this simulation to further expand our capabilities of providing reliable communications to the EMA and surrounding local government and public service organizations in the event of a real disaster. In working with your organization during this SET we will have the ability to demonstrate our skills in handling communications during disaster situations.

If you would like to participate or would like to learn more please contact me at your convenience and we'll schedule a short meeting to explain more in detail who we are, what we do, and how we can be a benefit to your organization.

Sincerely,

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