

2022 Simulated Emergency Test

Practice your emergency readiness on October 1 – 2, 2022.

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The basis and purpose of the Amateur Radio Service, according to Part 97 of the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (eCFR), is “Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.”

With this in mind, the annual nationwide ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET), scheduled for October 1 – 2, 2022, invites you and the radio amateurs in your ARRL Section to learn how to properly check equipment and practice operating skills during a simulated emergency exercise.

ARRL and Partner Organizations

ARRL Field Organization, Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®), National Traffic System (NTS), and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) leaders and participants, along with traffic (message) handlers, are among many radio amateurs and organizations who are active in public service and emergency communications. The SET is an opportunity to fine-tune emergency preparations and put ongoing practice to the test under simulated emergency conditions.

ARRL has formal relationships with several national organizations — including the American Red Cross, the National Weather Service (NWS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Salvation Army — with whom ARES members and other radio amateurs work closely when emergencies occur. This year, we are offering bonus points for cooperation with Army MARS stations, and for sharing information between MARS and amateur radio stations. Visit www.arrl.org/served-agencies-and-partners for more information.

National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to encourage everyone to be ready for



As part of their 2021 SET, Carlton County ARES/RACES (Minnesota) established this portable amateur radio station outside the Scanlon Community Center and fire station. This location would likely serve as an emergency shelter. The trailer is owned by Cliff Tanner, ACØFO, and it houses HF and VHF/UHF radios powered by a generator and batteries. [John Cavanaugh, KCØAFE, photo]

emergencies and disasters. The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) partners with several organizations to help promote the importance of year-round preparedness. This fall's ARRL SET is a demonstration of amateur radio's commitment to serve the public. More information on National Preparedness Month can be found at www.ready.gov.

Ready, SET, Go!

ARRL Field Organization leaders may conduct their local or Section-wide SET at a time other than the weekend of October 1 – 2 to avoid schedule conflicts and allow for maximum participation. Exercises should be held no later than the end of the fall season or the calendar year.

Contact your local ARRL Emergency Coordinator or Net Manager to learn how you can get involved. Local clubs and your Section Manager may also assist in referring you to times and frequencies of the nearest ARES or NTS nets. The ARRL Section web pages present Section contact information at www.arrl.org/groups/sections.

Guidelines for the exercise and 2022 SET reporting forms for ARRL Section and Field Organization leaders can be found on the ARRL website at www.arrl.org/public-service-field-services-forms.