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WILLIAMSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATION EXERCISE

Amateur radio operators from Williamson County, Tennessee's emergency communications teams will hold a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on Saturday 02 November 2024 from 0800 through 1215. This countywide emergency communications exercise will test our ability to provide communications for our primary served agency - the Williamson County Emergency Management Agency - as well as the National Weather Service.

The exercise scenario will involve an emergency event necessitating evacuation to simulated shelters. Shelter communication teams will deploy to the simulated shelters and establish communication operations. Mobile communication operators will deploy to specific municipal agency locations to establish two-way communication between the agency. Other simulated emergency communication needs will develop during the event.

This exercise is based on a simulated countywide emergency event impacting communications infrastructure. Such events may strike with little or no notice. The WCARES team supports emergency communications in the event of a full communications infrastructure outage. In addition, individual amateur radio operators will assist in gathering situation reports and provide them to their local emergency management teams using various voice and digital methods.

The exercise will run from 8:00 AM CT to 12:15 PM CT on November 02, 2024.

About WCARES:

The Williamson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service is a public service group of amateur radio operators who live in Williamson County, Tennessee and surrounding counties. All licensed amateur radio operators are invited to join. There is no cost to be a member. WCARES members offer trained federally licensed operators who are skilled in applying a wide range of effective emergency / disaster communications techniques supporting the mission of service to the public.

WCARES has unparalleled support of the Williamson County Emergency Management Agency WCEMA. The members of WCARES supports WCMEA and county partners in the mission of public service. The groups complement each other, and the result is an outstanding relationship which benefits all.

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