



The Salvation Army

Emergency Disaster Services

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network



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Will YOU Be Participating In Field Day?

Jackson, MS (06/21/2018) – Field Day is this weekend and the National SATERN Committee encourages SATERN operators to support their local amateur radio club(s) on behalf of SATERN as operators or in the setup process or both. Where that is not possible, SATERN operators are encouraged to participate on-the-air by making contact with Field Day stations on behalf of SATERN.

For example, SATERN in the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi (ALM) Division will deploy the Southern Territory Satellite and Radio Emergency Communications Trailer in support of three amateur radio clubs in the Jackson, MS, area for Field Day. The ALM Division will also deploy an office trailer and other communications-related equipment including a 4K Solutions Mobile Broadband Kit to be tested on-scene that weekend.



Communications and Office Trailers at 2017 Field Day in Brandon, MS

The Editor for this Newsletter is looking for stories about SATERN participation in Field Day. If you have a story you want to see published in the Newsletter send it to the Editor at: Bill.Feist@USS.SalvationArmy.org.

The story should include the name(s) of the club(s) or served agencies supported, the name(s) and call sign(s) of the SATERN operators, a description of what support was provided such as equipment, operators, special technical skills, etc. and any other information related to SATERN's participation. A brief description of the SATERN group, the local unit or division it supports and other information would be appropriate. Photos are always welcome and helpful with any story.

FEMA Region X Field Day Exercise To Use 60 Meter Interoperability Channels



Bothell, WA (06/20/2018) – FEMA Region X, headquartered in Bothell, Washington, will exercise 60 meter interoperability channels, as an option for disasters and emergencies, on the opening day of ARRL Field Day, Saturday, 23 June from 1400 to 2000 UTC. Frequencies are 5.330.5, 5.346.5, and 5.403.5 MHz (USB).

Stations from FEMA, the Department of Homeland Security, the US Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard, and the National Weather Service, and Amateur Radio stations will attempt to make contact on the three channels to test interoperability for a major disaster that significantly compromises the telecommunications infrastructure. FEMA Region X will use the call sign WGY-910.

Although this exercise takes place during Field Day weekend, it's a FEMA exercise and not an official part of Field Day, which does not give credit for 60 meter contacts.

German Broadcaster To Transmit Field Day Greetings In MFSK64



Nauen, Germany (06/20/2018) – The Mighty KBC using a 100,000 watt HF broadcast transmitter in Nauen, Germany, will send Field Day greetings to North American radio amateurs in MFSK64 mode during the weekly "Giant Jukebox" broadcast of The Mighty KBC on 9.925 MHz, 24 June at 0000 – 0200 UTC. The MFSK64, centered on 1,500 Hz, will begin at about 0130

UTC. An RSID will be transmitted just before the transmission to guide decoding software to the correct mode and audio frequency.

Reception reports are invited. They can be sent to The Mighty KBC through their website at www.KBCRadio.EU.

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The Salvation Army Responds To Severe Flooding In Michigan Upper Peninsula



Wauwatosa, WI (06/18/2018) – The Salvation Army is assisting in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula after heavy rainfalls of four to seven inches caused flooding and severe road damage in Houghton, Ontonogan and Keweenaw Counties. Auxiliary Captain Leonita Schweigert, Corps Officer for The Salvation Army Hancock (MI) Corps, said a temporary shelter is in operation in Calumet, MI.

With the assistance of the American Red Cross, 500 flood cleanup kits are also being prepared for residents affected by the storms. The flood kits will be available starting Thursday at The Salvation Army of Hancock, MI. "The flood cleanup kits will include a bucket, a mop, a broom, a squeegee, a scrub brush, disinfectant, bleach, rubber gloves, work gloves, garbage bags and respirator masks," said Terri Leece, the Divisional Disaster Services Director for Wisconsin & Upper Michigan (WUM) Division of The Salvation Army. "All the handles on the larger items are collapsible so everything fits in a bucket."

Residents who have questions or need assistance due to the flood are advised to call 2-1-1. An operator will refer you to the agency that can best help.

"The Salvation Army has 72 cases of drinking water coming in from Meijer in Marquette, MI. We are also partnering with the Copper Country Humane Society to get food and supplies for your pets," Schweigert said. The Salvation Army is also offering assistance for those who cannot travel on the roads that are closed by making arrangements to deliver needed items.

The Salvation Army Responds To Severe Flooding In South Texas



Dallas, TX (06/20/2018) – The Salvation Army of McAllen, TX, serving Hidalgo County, is responding to major flooding in South Texas. According to the National Weather Service up to 15 inches of rain have fallen particularly in Donna and Weslaco.

The Salvation Army will be providing meals, water, and emotional and spiritual care at two temporary American Red Cross shelters in Donna and Weslaco. Additionally, The Salvation Army of McAllen has been asked to provide shelter to those affected by the flooding and is offering after-hours intake for individuals or families who have been displaced due to the rising waters.

"The Salvation Army has been faithfully serving Hidalgo County since 1931, and we stand ready to serve in times of disaster," said Captain Stephen Correira, Commanding Officer of The Salvation Army of McAllen.

The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services of Texas is dispatching a truck filled with feeding supplies, water, and clean-up kits in support of the relief efforts in Weslaco and surrounding towns.

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See SATERN.org For Details!**

The Salvation Continuing To Respond To The Puna Lava Flow In Hawaii



Hilo, HI (06/20/2018) - Emergency Disaster Services [EDS] personnel and volunteers from The Salvation Army are supporting those affected by the Puna lava flow with meal coordination, hydration, and emotional and spiritual care at the three emergency shelters in Pahoa and Keaau.

Hawaii Community College [Hawaii CC] is now partnering with The Salvation Army to provide meals to residents displaced by the Puna lava flow and Kilauea ash eruption who are staying at the shelters. Hawaii CC's Culinary Arts program is preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner several days a week for approximately 300 people each meal.

Hawaii CC's Agriculture program also is growing and harvesting produce at the program's farm site in Panaewa. Faculty, staff and student interns from the Agriculture program are working on the project. So far they have harvested produce that was planted during the spring semester; planted more lettuce; and will soon be planting other vegetables. The produce will be used in the meals prepared by the Culinary Arts program. In addition, Hawaii CC's Planning, Operations and Maintenance department is assisting with the delivery of meals from the Hilo campus to the shelters.

"Our thoughts are with all those affected by the eruption," said Shawn Sumiki, a Hawaii CC Culinary Arts instructor. "There are so many people and organizations helping out during this disaster, and the Hawaii Community College 'ohana is pleased to be able to use some of the resources we have available to contribute to this effort."

"We're grateful that Hawaii CC's Culinary Arts program could partner with us for shelter meals several times a week," said Victor Leonardi, Divisional EDS Coordinator for The Salvation Army. "In addition to purchasing these meals in partnership from Hawaii CC, we are continuing to support local restaurants with the purchase of meals on other days."

MEAL SERVICE – Since 09 May, The Salvation Army has been coordinating the food service with three meals per day to the emergency shelters in the Puna District. As of 19 June, a total of 30,964 meals have been served including 5,943 vegetarian meals. The Salvation Army has worked with local businesses and restaurants, many of whom have donated their services, to support feeding operations.



DISTRIBUTION CENTER – Since 13 May, The Salvation Army has been operating a distribution center in the Puna District. As of 19 June, there have been 1,149 visits from 712 households who have received donations from the distribution center including 1,271 mosquito repellent cans, 937 food boxes, 843 cases of water, and 530 hygiene kits.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Since 09 May, The Salvation Army has been supporting affected households with financial assistance. As of 16 June, a total of 93 households have received financial assistance with a total of \$10,765 in vouchers that can be redeemed at The Salvation Army's three Thrift Stores in Hilo, Honokaa, and Kailua-Kona.

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ARES Continues Move Toward Enhanced Training and Paperless Reporting

Newington, CT (06/21/2018) - As part of upgrades to the ARES® program, ARRL will phase out traditional hard-copy report forms later this year in favor of an online system, *ARES® Connect* — a new volunteer management, communication, and reporting system. The system, in beta testing since March in four ARRL sections with large ARES organizations, will allow ARES members to log information for ARRL Field Organization handling but does not change how ARES serves partner organizations. ARES training also is due for enhancement.



At the Hamvention® ARRL Membership Forum in May, Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK, who chairs the ARRL Public Service Enhancement Working Group, discussed dramatic changes occurring among agencies in the emergency/disaster response sector and the transition to *ARES*

Connect. In his presentation, “ARES Advances into the 21st Century — a New Program, a New Mission,” Williams outlined the vision for an ARES comprised of organized, trained, qualified, and credentialed Amateur Radio operators who can provide public service partners with radio communication expertise, capability, and capacity.

Goals include aligning the ARES organizational structure with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS). Emergency Coordinators (ECs) will continue to lead local ARES teams during an incident, with support from District and Section Emergency Coordinators.

Changes would encompass additional mandatory training to include ARRL Emergency Communications courses and the now-standard FEMA NIMS/ICS courses IS-100, 200, 700, 800, with IS-300 and 400 for higher levels. Other specialty training could include SKYWARN and agency-specific programs.

Training levels attained would dovetail with three new levels of ARES participation: Level One would be comprised of all entering the program with no training, while progressing through the ARRL emergency communications training and the FEMA Independent Study courses 100, 200, 700, and 800. Level Two would be attained upon successful completion of these courses, and would be considered the “Standard” level for ARES participants. Level Three would be attained upon completion of

the advanced FEMA courses IS 300 and 400, which would qualify candidates for ARES leadership positions.

Level One participants would be able to fulfill most ARES duties, with a target of attaining Level Two in 1 year. Level Two, the standard participant level, would permit participant access to most incident sites and emergency operations centers (EOCs). Level Three would convey full access as granted by the authority having jurisdiction, plus qualification for ARES leadership.

It’s been proposed that ARRL provide a basic ARES ID, which would convey recognition of registration with ARES nationally and indicate level of training but convey no guarantee of site access. The authority having jurisdiction in an incident could grant an additional ID/pass for site access.

The ARRL Headquarters staff is undergoing training in *ARES Connect* administration, with group registration under way and IDs assigned. ARES-related publications also are being updated, along with an ARES strategic plan and introductory announcement. An article on ARES enhancements — once they have been approved by the ARRL Board of Directors — is set to appear in the September 2018 issue of *QST*

IARU Welcomes Member Society for St. Kitts and Nevis Islands



IARU Region 2 (06/21/2018) - The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has welcomed the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Amateur Radio Society (SKNAARS) as its newest member-society. IARU member-societies on 28 May completed voting on the proposed admission of SKNAARS to the IARU to represent St. Kitts & Nevis.



SKNAARS does not claim to represent Anguilla, which is already represented in the IARU by the Anguilla Amateur Radio Society; the inclusion of Anguilla in the SKNAARS name dates to an earlier time.

With 56 affirmative votes required for admission, 62 affirmative votes were cast, with no dissenting votes. SKNAARS thus becomes a member of the IARU and of IARU Region 2.

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