



The Salvation Army

**Southern Territory Emergency Disaster Services
Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network**



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The Salvation Army Offers Comfort To Shaken San Bernardino Community



SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. (Dec. 3, 2015) – In the wake of the horrific mass shooting in San Bernardino, The Salvation Army responded by offering food, snacks, water and Gatorade to those gathered in The Rudy Hernandez Community Center, the designated family reunification area.

As survivors were bussed to the building to be reunited with family members and others waited to find out if their loved ones were alive or dead, Salvation Army officers and volunteers were there with words of comfort, prayer and something to eat and drink.

The Army set up three tables and served hamburgers donated by McDonalds, sandwiches donated by Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, pastries & nuts donated by Costco, chips, licorice, Gatorade and water. Salvation Army officers and volunteers arrived at 3 pm. They stayed after the last bus arrived to comfort those whose loved ones had not been located.

"These are our neighbors and each and every one is beloved to us," says Major Daniel Henderson of the San Bernardino Salvation Army Corps Community Center. "This is a devastating tragedy, but I firmly believe that by working together, our community will be able to move on from this time, stronger and more united than ever before."

Salvation Army locations in San Bernardino went on lock-down as a safety precaution and all Bell Ringers were picked up from local stores.

Alaska ARES To Help Santa During Unique Simulated Emergency Test



Alaska ARES (12/08/2015) – Alaska ARES will be conducting a half-day Simulated Emergency Test (SET) this Saturday, December 12, 2015, to help Santa. The SET called "Almost Santa" is scheduled from 1900 to 2200 Z.

The objective is continued training in emergency communications including methods, skills and working around propagation problems while having some fun by reporting Santa sightings, problems that Santa is encountering in his travels and supporting Santa with directions and location information. The intent is for operators to pass "funny messages that will be passed between all participants."

According to SATERN operator Ken Gilliland, AG6SV, and Alaska Section Emergency Coordinator Linda Mullen, AD4BL, all communications modes will be utilized including phone, WinLink to RMS, Peer-2-Peer Pactor and CW. ARES operators are being encouraged to use Pactor Peer-2-Peer on 14.116 MHz (center frequency) and 14.292 Mhz for voice in addition to the standard frequencies specified in the Alaska ARES ICS-205 document. All traffic will utilize the modified ICS-213 form which is a standard ICS-213 form with the addition of the ARRL RadioGram headers.

SATERN operators Ken AG6SV, and Don Poaps, VA7DGP, will be participating in the SET as well. Gilliland reports that there was an Alaska SATERN Net on 60 meters at one time but that it is no longer operational. Gilliland and Poaps have indicated an interest in restarting an Alaska SATERN Net in the future, perhaps on 40 meters.



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GlobalSET 2015 To Focus On Organization



IARU Region 3 (12/09/2015) – This month’s 2015 Global Simulated Emergency Test (GlobalSET), organized by IARU Region 1, will gauge the ability of radio amateurs to respond quickly to an emergency. IARU Region 1 Emergency Coordinator Greg Mossop, G0DUB, said GlobalSET 2015 will focus on organization, rather than on how easily field stations are set up.

“Following the Nepal Earthquake earlier this year, a new test is required to demonstrate that Amateur Radio is able to respond quickly to an emergency,” Mossop said.

Introduced in 2006, past GlobalSETs have concentrated on testing the use of the emergency “center of activity frequencies” defined in the band plans. No one is expected to get on air for this month’s GlobalSET, so the exercise is independent of any HF propagation issues.

The aims of the exercise are:

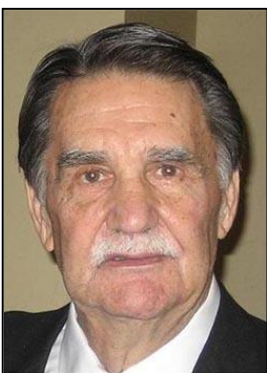
- To show that radio amateurs can respond quickly and in a coordinated manner.
- To get groups and societies involved in an event without language, time, or propagation barriers.
- To update information about how many radio amateurs are available for emergency communications world-wide.

GlobalSET has not been announced in advance; it will take place sometime between December 12 and December 22, with regional emergency communications coordinators sounding the alert. Mossop said all IARU member societies and emergency communication groups have been asked to contact their members to determine how quickly they could get on air, if required.

A time limit of 24-48 hours has been set to complete the local callout exercise and submit results via a web form, which should make the results far easier to produce than in the past. Mossop said he hopes that the web form also will help to overcome any language barriers, since it’s possible to use online translation tools to convert the form into another languages to ease completion.

Along with the actual date and time of GlobalSET 2015, the web form address will be made public when the exercise starts, and each region will gather information separately.

Ham Radio Outlet Founder Announced As SK



Robert G. “Bob” Ferrero. W6RJ

ARRL (12/08/2015) - Ham Radio Outlet (**HRO**) Founder Robert G. “Bob” Ferrero, W6RJ (ex-K6AHV), of Danville, California, became a Silent Key on December 4, 2015, after a period of ill health. He was 78. An ARRL Life Member, Ferrero was a California state trooper and US Navy veteran when he acquired Ham Radio Outlet in Burlingame, California, in 1971. He characterized the original store as a “little radio emporium on a wooden train platform.” Chip Margelli, K7JA, stated in a Facebook post, “[T]hrough decades of hard work and commitment to his customers, [he] turned it into the largest Amateur Radio retail chain in the world, with 14 stores now throughout the United States.”

Ferrero took part in several DXpeditions, including the first DXpeditions to Kingman Reef in 1974 and to the Austral and Marquesas Islands (FO0FI and FO0FR). He also operated as 9J2RA, TJ1GB, and W6RJ/Z2, as well as from HZ1AB in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Ferrero was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1997 and into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame in 2005 and was among the initial patrons and a significant supporter of the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXE). He was a member of the A1 Operators Club. In 2009, the editors of CQ, in conjunction with the Visalia DX Convention, recognized Ferrero “for his many contributions to Amateur Radio.”

Ferrero is survived by his wife Mae, daughter Kelly (K6KLF), son Robert (W6KR) and his wife Carolyn Ferrero (W6CMF) and their children Robert Ferrero III (KN6DX) and Christina Ferrero (KK6CF).



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