

Red Cross - May 25, 2024, NMCE Ancillary Exercise

Overview:

As we could not accommodate all the radio clubs, ARES hams or unaffiliated hams that expressed an interest in supporting the PEMA exercise on May 22nd in Shippensburg and at various Red Cross shelters across the State, we have setup an ancillary exercise to invite interested individuals and groups to participate after the PEMA exercise.

Event time is 0000 to 2400 May 25, 2024

- Try to deploy to a location that could be used as a shelter (e.g., fire station, school, church). Get permission to be there, if necessary, and make certain you are in a legal location.
- Operate from home if you cannot deploy.
- Try to operate as a portable station without commercial power.
- Send an unformatted Winlink message (e.g., don't use any forms) to your appropriate tactical call:

Winlink Station call to send to	Counties you reside in
ARC-SEPA	Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks County
ARC-GPA	Any other PA county

- Operators should send a Winlink message with the following information:

Line 1 – Callsign, First Name, County. Indicate if you are ARES, Red Cross, or PEMA ACS, radio club affiliation, non-affiliated ham, etc.

Line 2 – Name of deployment location (e.g., Virtual Red Cross shelter at xyz community center or base station if working from home or club station)

- Examples:

Sample message #1: Non-Affiliated, Amateur Station TO Red Cross (Deployed)

DRILL DRILL DRILL
KX3XYZ, Joe Smith, Independence County, Non-affiliated ham.
Independence Baptist Church in Independence PA,
DRILL DRILL DRILL

Sample message #2: Amateur Station TO Red Cross (Not Deployed)

DRILL DRILL DRILL
KX3XYZ, Joe Smith, Independence County, ARES.
Home Base
DRILL DRILL DRILL

Sample message #3: Radio Club Station TO Red Cross (Not Deployed)

DRILL DRILL DRILL
KX3XYZ, Independence Radio Club, Independence County
Club Station Location
DRILL DRILL DRILL