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KD5WRO Commentary

The Milam County Health Dept. planned a SNS/POD exercise Thursday afternoon, 3-12-2015.

The POD was set up with a scenario implementing an Anthrax event. A call down began @3 pm with the assembled POD opening at 4 PM located at Cameron Elementary School. The EMC asked me to setup emergency communications in the event normal communications failed, possibly due to terrorist attack or overuse of cell phone system. The Milam County Operations Center (EOC) was stood up in support of the exercise. I operated mobile thru the Milam ARES repeater on 2 meters for added support. Contact was made with NA5BD in Round Rock and N5TW in Georgetown thru our Milam repeater. Both are ARES members and can contact the State EOC with emergency traffic if required. Little River Healthcare Cameron Hospital have been unable to locate the original radio equipment from past administration, so they were unable to participate. Little River Healthcare Rockdale Hospital did not have an operator; therefore no contact was conducted. The Health Dept. closed so that all personnel could train on POD activities so I was unable to make radio contact. Also participating were Milam ARES members WA5GES and KF5FLS. Gene Mikeska, DSHS Region 7, K5KFH talked with me during the exercise. Gene conducted the After Action "Hot Wash" of where I gave my report. He was pleased we proved emergency communications could be established with the SOC. Approximately 35 city and county employees supported the POD functions and numerous Cameron ISD students became the "clients" and were processed through the Point of Dispensing.



FREE amateur radio classes on Tuesday March 10 at 7PM. The classes will be at the Western Hills Church of Christ on the northwest corner of I-35 and Hwy 53 West (Adams also known as Airport Rd). Turn at 43rd street to the north at the Purvis Bearings store and come around the building from the back to the front door parking lot of the church building. I will have classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7PM. They are free and attendance is optional... up to the individual on when he/she comes.

The testing will be at the Bell county EXPO upstairs above the main entrance on April 18th (Saturday) at 10AM and is still \$15 cheap. I do have ARRL Study Guides available for \$25 which is a savings of about \$10 is you ordered one yourself.

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NOAA WEATHER FREQUENCIES

WACO	162.475 Mhz
BRYAN	162.550 Mhz
AUSTIN	162.400 Mhz

JUNE 27-28, 2015 Field Day

The fourth full weekend of June is Field Day each year. It begins at 1800 UTC on Saturday and ends at 2059 UTC on Sunday. Over 42,000 amateurs are expected to participate this year. All are encouraged to run on emergency power. This is the largest radio exercise in the world and is designed to show how the entire US can be connected with emergency communications.

Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM 147.020 PL 123.0 Khz.

Bell County NET Thursday 8 PM 145.130 PL 123.0

STX ARES HF Net Monday at 7:30 pm on 3873 Khz.

**BELL HAM EXPO—
HAMFEST**
Saturday, April 18,
2015
Bell County Expo
Center