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KD5WRO Commentary

The Great Central U. S. Shakeout was held on February 7, 2012. Over 2 million people in the Central U. S. area were expected to practice an earthquake drill. ARES participated by holding a NET on 7260 KHz at 10:15 central time. Only check-ins were made with no acknowledgement. I heard check-ins from Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri. I expect over 1000 stations attempted to check in. This drill was held in anticipation of the New Madrid fault again causing a violent earthquake along the Mississippi River. Millions in casualties are expected.



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Tom Whiteside sent the following on Jan. 22. This will be an interesting drill. (Sent to South Texas ARES reflector, All STX EC;s, DECs and ASECs and a few others.)
Folks,

With the increasing level of cyber related warfare and possible critical damage to infrastructure such as power plants, it is possible that a total Internet blackout might be ordered at some point. Hopefully, this is a very unlikely event but the consequences to our agencies and our own way of doing so are quite severe and this is something we should think and plan for. As a preparation for such an event, the senior leadership has decided to make our Spring exercise (date not decided yet) an RF-only exercise. No IRLP, Echolink, or other internet dependent repeater links allowed and only Internet independent digital capabilities. The implications on this are huge and need some thinking and planning from all of us.

NET SCHEDULES

Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM

147.020 PL Tone 123.0

STXARES HF NET Monday 7:30 PM

3873 Khz

HF Net Info

ARES—Emergency and tactical traffic:

Day: 7285 KHz LSB Night: 3873 KHz LSB

Health and welfare traffic:

Day: 7290 KHz LSB Night: 3935 KHz LSB

DTTN (Daytime Texas Traffic Net) 7285, Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Website: www.daytimetexastrafficnet.org

TEXAS TRAFFIC NET, every day of the week, 6:30 p.m. –7:30 p.m., 3873 KHz.

www.texastrafficnet.org

ALTERNATES: If you are there at NET time and there is no NET CONTROL, Please ask if there is one. If after a couple of minutes there is no NCS, Please jump in and call the NET. THANKS!

Bell County ARES Thursday 8 PM

147.140 PL Tone 123.0