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KD5WRO Commentary

UPCOMING SET EXERCISE OCTOBER 27th, 2012

The Exercise assumes a Hurricane has come ashore at Galveston, has passed over Houston doing major damage, and is now following Hwy 36 toward Milam and Bell Counties. Between 7 and 8 A.M. a tornado was created by the storm. The tornado touched down about 1 mile West of Buckholts on Hwy. 36. It then moved East thru Buckholts. The Highway was filled with West bound vehicles moving bumper to bumper out of Houston, much like the Rita event in 2006. The tornado damaged all vehicles along a two mile path. The downtown area had most buildings destroyed and the communications towers along BNSF railroad were destroyed. The telephone long distance cable just West of Buckholts was severed. The cable carries all the long distance circuits out of Cameron. Dead and injured were later estimated to be 50 persons in the Buckholts area.



The tornado touched down 30 minutes later in Northwest Cameron destroying the Winnie L Nursing Home and causing major damage at the Cameron Nursing Home. Dead and injured were later found to be 20 person in Cameron.

At 12 Noon the winds from the storm reached 60 MPH in Milano. Heavy rain and lack of visibility caused a major pileup on the Hwy. 36 & 79 over pass -over the railroad. The cars were bumper to bumper westbound. The overpass was blocked in both directions. An 18 wheeler in the pileup caught fire and burned for hours. Eight persons were later found to be dead and/or injured.

All cell phone circuits along Hwy 36 had damaged equipment or were lost due to overloading. Electric power was out in Buckholts, Cameron, Milano and Gause.

We will activate the 147.020 NET at 8:00 A.M. and take check-ins all morning. **Our main emphasis will be to have maximum participation in the check-ins. Please participate by checking in some time the morning of Saturday, Oct. 27th.** We will NOT travel to disaster sites but will only use radio communications for this exercise.



FREQUENCIES: The Texas Exercise NET will operate on 7285 KHz from 8 A.M. to Noon. Check in s will be taken from those on HF. KE5ISN, KD5WRO, and WA5GES should all check in.

NET SCHEDULES

Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM
147.020 PL 123.0 Khz.
Bell County NET Thursday 8 PM
147.140 PL 123.0
STX ARES HF Net Each Monday at
7:30 PM on 3873 Khz.



NET Check-Ins

WA5GES, KE5LVI,
KB5DLK, KD5MTG,
KE5ISN, KF5FLS, KF5OFC,
KE5UES, KE5UET, W5EWS,
KE5MQU, KE5LVE,
KE5LGL, KE5LVG, W5XO
and KD5WRO

