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Expectations for the SET Test the ability to activate and establish communications (HF, VHF/UHF, Digital) on District-wide and State-wide levels with all of the active local District teams.

What Occured The majority of the active local District teams (11 out of the 13 active teams of the 15 localities of D6 ARES) participated in the event. Not all locations had HF capability, however, we had a District NTS relay station (AK4PE) and the VDEM ARCA station available to relay traffic to local teams.

What Went Well and Why The local teams were able to communicate both via the D6 resource net and simplex to test inter-District communications. The SET provided an opportunity to test equipment and ensure everything was working and provide time to determine needs for improving capabilities. The NTS liaison was able to relay HF and Winlink traffic to the local teams.

Improving Operation and How Digital communications was a challenge in that not all local teams had digital capability. Winlink was also not available at all localities. There was some confusion on whether it was acceptable to use telnet access for Winlink versus RF. Not all local teams participated for the entire duration of the SET. Some of the key volunteers were unable to participate and there was some confusion as to who was doing what and where, even though resources were identified and recorded by the NCS station running the D6 resource net.

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