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**Expectations for the SET** To review and practice message handling, receiving and passing of traffic. I expected to check all messages and respond in a timely manner.

**What Occured** All messages received were directed to the proper agency or answered during the event. The messages I was not sure where to send were reviewed by the head operator and directed as he recommended.

**What Went Well and Why** The equipment functioned properly, allowing messages to be passed. Any disconnect on Winlink was promptly re-connected, allowing messages to be passed in a timely manner. Having numerous gateways helped eliminate the possibility of the system crashing. Any procedural questions about operation of Winlink or computer task were simply and clearly explained by the more experienced operator. The planning, testing of equipment and preparation in previous SETS and training nets prepare each operator with the skills needed to become a better communicator and operator.

**Improving Operation and How** Treat practice as a real test. Become familiar and comfortable with equipment you will be using in a drill or a real event situation. Encourage and have patience with all operators. Check and keep equipment ready for an emergency. Some messages were received without an agency or call. Always include your name, followed by your call. This can save time searching and sending the message.

**Your Call** KI4JTV

**Your Location** Skywarn/Blacksburg

**Other Calls at Your Location** W4GHS

**Messages Sent or Received-** 127