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Expectations for the SET 1. Red Cross - Four remotely located shelters operating WL2K.

2. Carilion Franklin Community Hospital - no activity - hospitals historically conduct mid-summer exercises.

3. Department of Public Safety - CSALT assistance requests from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

4. HF Radiograms via the Old Dominion Emergency Net as the outlet for the greater Roanoke area.

What Occured 1. Red Cross operations were successful. We operated 3 mock shelters at the Sontag Community Center plus 1 shelter at a Rocky Mount Church location and processed 113 digital messages. All messages were routed through the Grassy Hill gateway W4BOT-10/B2X internet connection and the backup gateway W4BOT-11/Hughes satellite gateway was tested. David Fletcher, K4DCF, did outstanding work in Roanoke.

2. Betty Underwood contacted us 3 days prior to the event requesting an operator at the hospital EOC. We were able to simulate the hospital at the W4FCR Shelter1 and represent her there. Several messages were successfully exchanged but some were misdirected as a result their late entry.

3. No messages were received from VDEM.

4. An ODEN Net Control Station could not be found on 75M or 40M and thus no messages were received.

What Went Well and Why

Improving Operation and How Overall the exercise was successful and the few mishaps that occurred would have been anticipated had adequate time been available to experienced planners. SETS take a bare minimum of three months in planning.

Hf messaging is a secondary player in disaster training. We train in support of local Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Fire Departments, Medical Facilities, Mass Sheltering and Feeding, etc. - and the value of HF messaging should be seriously questioned for the future .

Your Call W4BOT

Your Location Franklin County Shelters 1,2,3, EM, Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital simulated locations

Other Calls at Your Location W4FCR

K4ORD

AK4WB

KG4KRB

Messages Sent 34

Messages Received 36