

The Floyd County EOC had a good turnout of personnel representing RACES locally. Overall, we had a good experience within the Floyd County EOC. Everyone had the opportunity to operate in the radio position and to observe the Winlink position and its operation. In addition, we held a pre-exercise briefing and everyone was issued an EOC Action Plan (EOC AP) for the operational period. The EOC AP included a Communications Plan (ICS-205) that was developed by Tom King.

As was reported by others, there were issues with traffic on the net and not being able to make contact with the net for long periods of time. In addition, Winlink seem back logged, and I realize part of this was due to Winlink going down; however, several stations were "Replying to All" which will add to the back log. Lastly, we did not receive requests (the canned requests) for our reply messages (canned replies). Not sure what was happening there; unless some were just unfamiliar with the procedures.

This was my second SET to participate in as an Emergency Management Coordinator and I would really like to applaud the professionalism and commitment of the RACES/ARES community. You all are a vital asset to the Emergency Management Community and the jurisdictions they serve. I really appreciate the time you took to set up the Operation Wildfire Exercise. In the future, I would be more than glad to assist you in any way I can in the behind the scenes preparation for the next SET.

Keep up the great work,  
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