

Expectations for the SET	This was my second experience with this exercise. We played from the Hampton K4HPT EMCOMM trailer last year, near our planned weather event location. We had done some classroom WinLink training, but no group training sessions on the air. So this exercise was done to discover & verify configurations and training.
What Occured	This year, I tried to operate portable from my truck, from which is normally limited to phone contesting and phone DX. Other than being an ergonomic challenge, the Win7 / Signalink / Yaesu FT-857 combination worked well. Leading up to the event, I could not solve the stability problem I was having with my Win10 / Signalink combination. I participated 0800-1100 until I had scheduled radio duty elsewhere. During the three hours, I tried numerous connections on 30 and 40 meters, without results. All configuration indicators were showing correct.
What Went Well and Why	I verified the WinLink instructions I found on line and was able to modify them for our situation. I also turned it into a sort of "no notice" drill as I was out of town for the four days before the event. With that, I now have a documented inventory list of what's needed to work digital using that platform. I'm following up this weekend by participating in Winter Field Day.
Improving Operation and How	Now improvements suggested for the exercise, per se. Personally, I need to improve the ergonomic problem of working from the truck as my goal is to work digital (WinLink & PSK) and CW portable this year, considering the low sun spot cycle. Additionally, I need to integrate VHF/UHF packet into the truck, too. The vision is to use our portables in a distribution site or CERT scenario.
Your Call	KJ4MZ
Your Location	Hampton, VA (FM17ta)
Other Calls at Your Location	None
Messages Sent	0
Messages Received	0