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Expectations for the SET	This was my first exercise of this sort. I have participated in and developed exercises in both the Army abd as a Navy civilian. I was expecting an organized disaster exercise that would allow commentary into and out of affective area. In this type of incident lives are the first item of business. This exercise was to test communications into and out of affected area. Non affected areas were to assist evacuation and sheltering of survivors. Ham radio would be of assistance as most cell, landline, TV, and radio communications would be compromised.
What Occured	What actually happened? I am about 200 miles or so from affected areas, so we were out of disaster area. We were able to send all traffic that we were supplied. The later in the day it got, the tougherit was to make contacts in Win link, but trying a lot of stations resulted in success. This would probably be the case in a real incident. Not all traffic got to intended recipients as many stations were not registered Sinking users. There were no listings for alternate contacts for these stations. A weak point, lives probably were lost on account of this. Band conditions were not bad at all, this helped tremendously.
What Went Well and Why	The bands were in good shape, this helped. The pre-generated traffic is a good idea. The initial situation briefing was a little but gave an overview of what was happening. Sending us the contacts list is a good idea. Negatives: Everybody was starting off the exercise in the dark. No ventral contact point to disseminate information. Or to guide responders as to how exercise is progressing. Contact lists of participants was poorly prepared. There were numerous contacts to be made over Sinking that were not even registered with Sinking. No alternate contact info was supplied. No pre assigned frequencies were given to allow faster communications. Win link was only mode tested on this exercise though in a real situTion all modes would be utilized. I was able to send all supplied traffic to intended recipients with the exception of those stations that were not registered.
Improving Operation and How	Ideas for improvement! With all the warning of an incoming Tsunami more in depth coordination should be expected. There should be a segment that prepares and briefs responders as to what is to be expected and how to operate. The Idea net or VFN net should be involved simultaneously. One leg of commerce could help the other. The address list of participants should include Sinking addresses as well as email accounts. Win link can send to email and vice versa. As would be seen in a real situation Sinking, keen and VFN and VFN as well as Eastern nets should work interactively. We should get used to doing it like it will actually be done practice with all of your assets not practice to fail with just a few oars in the water. There should be a voice net that all could connect into for participation. It can quickly get info out and update groups in a timely manner. Data links can pass the bulk of traffic. There should be a component to send and receive health and welfare info separately. Stations should exist to receive requests for aid from anyone in using any mode, see Cajun Navy. Local nets should activate to bring info and needs to state level. Also some interaction with local national guard elements would be advantageous as they will surely called up. Elements representing local React units should get involved and also local Civil Air Patrol units and Mars representatives look into how Wash, Origin, Idaho and Canada conducted their big exercise

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Your Call	KM4TDC
Your Location	Monterey, Highland County
Other Calls at Your Location	
Messages Sent	8
Messages Received	5