

1st national simulated emergency test

Saturday the 3rd may 2008, 18:00 – 20:00 h HB-Time

The Swiss union of emergency radio invites all stations in Switzerland and the Principality of Lichtenstein to participate in a national emergency radio exercise under the patronage of USKA. The radio enterprise is accomplished on the relay stations of the 2m and 70cm-Bandes in FM.

The aims of this emergency radio exercise are:

- to wake the general interests of the emergency radio
- to test, as useful the existing relay net in Switzerland is for the transmission of emergency messages over larger distances
- to collect practical experiences with the transmission of standardized messages
- to practice the relaying of emergency messages

Please remember:

This is not a contest; it is an emergency communications exercise!

The protocol of exercise is as follows:

All traffic during the exercise will take spoken and in FM only. There are only amateur radio relays to work, which are directly accessible from the territory of Switzerland and the Principality of Lichtenstein.

Following the recommendation of GAREC-2007, every participating station use /D in their callsign (/D=distress/disaster; spoken as "slash DELTA"). This suffix is permitted by the licensing administration BAKOM.

For this exercise we'll have two HQ-stations:

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| • HB9SP/D | Birmensdorf ZH | JN47fi | 675470 / 246120 / 520müM |
| • HB9NBA/D | Basel | JN37sn | 610330 / 269120 / 258müM |

These HQ-stations will be QRV simultaneously on all relays in their operating distance.

Stations intending to participate are requested, if possible, to send their callsigns to info@notfunk.ch before the exercise so that HQ-stations can be beware of the number of stations that may be calling them.

The special aim of this exercise is practice in relaying messages. Each participating station is allowed to send two (2) messages during the exercise: one during the first hours and the second on the beginning of the last hour of the exercise. After own message(s) participating stations start to relay messages of other stations and finally forwarding them to the addressed HQ station. HQ-stations are not giving messages - only receiving and confirming them.

So each participating station (like HB9TTQ/D) will form own message as follows:

HB9TTQ / ZH / 1 / HB9AG via ... / ... via ... / ... via ... / ... to HB9SP

We will use the word "slash" to separate details in these messages where:

HB9TTQ	=	the callsign of the station
/ ZH /	=	home state (Kanton) of the station
/ 1 /	=	first message during first hour of the exercise (/ 2 / = second message during the second hour)
HB9AG	=	amateur radio relay of the first connection
via ... / ...	=	callsign/ amateur radio relay of relayed stations for example: via HB9TTR / HB9UF via HB9OCQ / HB9RF
to HB9SP	=	address of the HQ-station

Participating stations are calling: "This is <callsign> calling EmCom stations for testing" (Please announce time to time "this is an exercise").

To create a more realistic situation, please limit your transmitting power during the exercise to 5 watts. A special value is given to stations operating mobile/portable and/or on emergency power.

In order to be able to evaluate the exercise, swiss union of emergency radio is pleased about each entry of a Log, as well as about empiric reports and suggestions for further national emergency radio exercises.

Please, send it to info@notfunk.ch or by Post to **IG-Notfunk, HB9NBA, Postfach, 4003 Basel**

4th international simulated emergency test (SET)

In the follow of the 1st national emergency communications exercise, at 20:00 - 24:00 h (18:00 - 22:00 h UTC) takes place the 4th international simulated emergency test of IARU. For more details see www.iaru-r1.org.

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