

**Pacific Section
Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
2017 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)**

This year's Hawaii annual SET will begin on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The purpose of this year's exercise is to assess the capability of amateur radio operators to provide communications in the aftermath of a tsunami resulting from a 9.2 moment earthquake resulting in the Great Aleutian Tsunami causing disastrous damages to all four counties in the State of Hawaii.

The year's SET will consist of two parts:

- Part I, will be on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. HST. It will focus on sending priority simulated traffic from the field to simulated county emergency operations centers (EOCs). This traffic includes situation report (SITREP), damages reports, and any requests for assistance (RFA). The simulated county EOCs in turn will summarize the individual SITREPs and damage reports, and any RFA, the county cannot fulfill, to the State EOC.
- Part II, will begin immediately after Part I ends, from 1:00 p.m. to 12:59 p.m., Sunday, October 22, 2017. Normally 72 hours after a disaster event occurs, government communications are restored and Amateur stations can assist in other ways, such as handling health and welfare traffic that cannot be handled by government agencies. The Pacific Section will encourage Hawaii stations to pass Winlink traffic for a simulated posting to the Red Cross web site by a State of Oregon Amateur radio station. The SET simulation assumes stations participating have lost internet access and forward "Safe and Well" messages for web site posting by KF7RSF.

We encourage all Amateur radio operators to participate in this year's SET. For additional questions, please contact the ARES District Emergency Coordinator for your county/district or Clem Jung (KH7HO), Pacific ARES Section Emergency Coordinator at kh7ho@arrl.net.