

Louisiana ARES Simulated Emergency Test

Hurricane Arthur 2026 Plan

June 20, 2026, 10 AM to 11 AM CDT

Exercise Plan

Introduction

This simulated emergency test exercise plan is based on the premise that periodic emergency drills enhances the ability of emergency communicators to perform in actual emergencies and that such improves and promotes problem solving.

The simulated emergency test will be conducted on June 20, 2026, from 1000 to 1100 CDT.

While the 2026 exercise plan for “Hurricane Arthur” sets overall weather conditions for this state, the DEC’s and EC’s should develop local scenarios and operational challenges that are appropriate for their Parish and/or Region.

Again, this year’s SET scenario is not based on just a single event, but will include various local events generated by EC’s, DEC’s, or OHSEP managers. Local events could include lost squirrel hunters or injured bicycle riders.

During the exercise, real world emergencies, if they occur, will take priority over the simulated emergency.

For the purpose of this exercise, assume that :

- Best projection of storm path and associated data for “Hurricane Arthur” is attached.
- Last minute evacuation of Southern parishes is ongoing via secondary roads with major delays.
- Contraflow of interstates has been completed but major traffic delays still exist.
- All communication systems except ham radio systems are out of service due to system overload.
- ICS Form 217 is attached for use during this drill. Form 205 is included in this documentation on pages 8 and 9. Local tactical and command frequencies should be added as needed.

State EOC has been activated and amateur radio is operational as per pages 8 and 9.

The expected accomplishments of this drill include the following :

- Improved technical capabilities.
- Greater understanding of roles and responsibilities.
- Development and/or maintenance of effective partnerships with other communicators both inside and outside of your parish and District/Region.
- Development and/or maintenance of effective partnerships with the served agencies.
- Verification of emergency communications Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

General Guidelines

ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) Guidelines can be found at:

<https://ares.arrl.org/aresset/>

Local Activities

Each area of the state is subject to many different types of incidents and emergencies during the time leading up to a wide area weather event. These incidents and emergencies are influenced by local conditions.

Coastal areas may be subjected to both wind, rain and flooding. Other areas may be exposed to just one or two of these conditions. Local road/highway conditions and industrial areas also contribute their own related hazards during the run up to a storm.

Local area ARES and OHSEP groups may choose operational issues such as :

- Haz Mat Incident
- Plane Crash
- Airport Incident
- Barges Loose on a River
- Tornado
- Traffic Related Mass Casualty Incident
- Civil Unrest
- Terrorist Activity

Each local scenario should be planned to utilize and involve the following as appropriate:

- The Louisiana ARES Simulated Emergency Net (See Form 217 and 205).
- Health and Welfare Traffic (See Form 217 and 205).
- State and local EOCs as available.

- Digital Systems if so equipped (See Form 217 and 205).
- MARS system if operators are available (See Form 217).
- Local and linked repeaters (See Form 217 and 205).
- Adjacent ARES groups.
- Local served agencies as appropriate.

Each EOC should send a “GOHSEP RESOURCE REQUEST FORM” (see page 10) utilizing the Winlink system (either via Telnet or RMS) to N5EKF@winlink.org. The request form is available as a HTML template to be filled out. HTML form template files are used to send formatted documents between users of Winlink Express. The form can be found in the Winlink Template Manager, Standard Forms, LA State Forms.

This request will be for “100 Cots, Adult”, shipped to the Parish’s Homeland Security’s address and authorized and requested by the Homeland Security Director of your Parish (see pages 12-16 for Director’s information).

Sample data can be found highlighted in yellow on page 11. Replace the Washington Parish related information with your locally related data.

Scenario Logistics

District Emergency Coordinators and parish Emergency Coordinators should contact their local served agencies, advise them of the scenario, and invite them to participate as appropriate. This participation could include the utilization of their communication facilities.

In addition to participation by served agencies, ECs and DEC’s may wish to involve their local emergency response agencies at a level consistent with local levels of cooperation.

While increased proficiency of communications is always a goal, in some cases the development of a better understanding by emergency response agencies of the capability of ham radio during emergency conditions is also a worthwhile goal.

When developing your scenario it would seem that one tactical and one Health and Welfare (H/W) message per served agency would be appropriate. While incoming Health and Welfare traffic is typically restricted during a real emergency, such restrictions will not exist during the SET.

Possible recipients of the messages would include :

- Louisiana EOC
- Parish OHSEP
- National Weather Service Stations
- MARS Stations
- Red Cross Chapter
- Salvation Army Stations
- Other Emergency Response Agency Stations

- VOAD Agencies
- Louisiana Section Manager
- Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator
- ARRL Headquarters (wv1x@arrl.org)

Frequency Summary

The ICS Form 205 on pages 8 and 9 should be consulted for general SET frequencies. Local SET frequencies should be added as necessary.

It should be mentioned that the Louisiana ARES Emergency Net will activate at 0945 CDT on 7211 or 7217 khz as conditions dictate. Net protocol will be as per the Louisiana ARES Emergency Communications Plan.

GOHSEP will be operational from a location to be determined by the Ascension Amateur Radio Club.

Louisiana Forms ICS 217-A, Communications Resource Availability Worksheet, can be found at: <https://www.wpcde-911.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Louisiana-Frequencies.xlsx>

Summary

Exercise participants will operate in accordance with existing plans, procedures, and practices.

ICS Form 205 is to be used for the assets so noted. Frequencies should be added for local tactical and command and control as appropriate.

Participants should initiate actions that will control and mitigate the simulated emergency as appropriate for their local conditions.

Specific operational events and localized emergencies should be added as necessary by the local Communications should occur as would normally be expected during a real emergency of the same type as being simulated.

There will be no movement of real assets such as fire trucks and ambulances except as required by the incident commander to ensure scene safety if a “BREAK BREAK THIS IS AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY” occurs.

Exercise Rules

- Real world emergency actions take priority over exercise actions.
- Intentional disruption of ham radio communication circuits should not be done.

- All messages and transmissions should begin and end with “**This is a Drill**”
- Formal written traffic should have a precedence letter preceded by the word “TEST”, as in “TEST R”, “TEST P”, “TEST W”, or “TEST EMERGENCY”. It is customary to indicate within the text of such messages the words “TEST MESSAGE”, “EXERCISE” or “THIS IS A DRILL”. Using “**THIS IS A DRILL**” as the first and last groups of the text helps alert listeners to the nature of the content to avoid undue alarm.
- When formal messages are being sent, please record such messages on the Message Forms provided according to Parish plan.

Accident Reporting and Real Emergencies

Anyone observing a participant who is seriously ill or injured who requires assistance, the phrase “**BREAK BREAK THIS IS AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY**” should be immediately utilized on all necessary forms of communication.

Upon hearing “**BREAK BREAK THIS IS AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY**” all exercise communications should cease until the incident commander declares that the real life emergency is over.

DEC SET Reports

DECs and ECs are reminded that their 2026 SET reports should be sent to the ARRL via <https://ares.arrl.org/areset/>

Hurricane Arthur Projected Path and Associated Data

Storm Path:
Date: June 20, 2026
Time: 5:00 a.m. CDT
Winds: 115 mph
Strength: Cat. 3
Direction: Moving NW at 40 mph
Latitude: 29.15 N
Longitude: 89.22 W
Location : Venice, LA

Date: June 20, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. CDT
Winds: 110 mph
Strength: Cat. 2
Direction: Moving NW at 40 mph
Latitude: 20.48 N
Longitude: 90.96 W
Location : Denham Springs, LA

Date: June 20, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m. CDT
Winds: 105 mph
Strength: Cat. 2
Direction: Moving NW at 15 mph
Latitude: 31.57 N
Longitude: 91.43 W
Location : Vidalia, LA

Date: June 20, 2026
Time: 11:00 a.m. CDT
Winds: 80 mph
Strength: Cat. 1
Direction: Moving NW at 25 mph
Latitude: 31.92 N
Longitude: 92.66 W
Location : Winn, LA

Date: June 20, 2026
Time: 12:00 noon CDT
Winds: 60 mph
Strength: Tropical Storm
Direction: Moving N at 14 mph
Latitude: 32.56 N
Longitude: 93.60 W
Location : Red Chute, LA



INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN			Incident Name : SET 2026		Operational Period		
			Date Prepared : April 30, 2026		June 20, 2026, 1000 – 1100 CDT		
#	Function	Channel Name / Trunked Radio System Talkgroup	Assignment	Frequency N or W	Tone / NAC	Mode A, D or M	Remarks
2	Tactical	LA ARES Emergency Net - Secondary	All Parishes With Emergency Traffic	RX – 7211 TX – 7211	N/A	A	Monitored by GOHSEP
3	Tactical	7290 Traffic Net-Primary	All Parishes with H/W traffic	RX – 7290 TX – 7290	N/A	A	Net operates 10 AM – 12 Noon
4	Tactical	Digital Traffic - Primary	All parishes with digital traffic	Winlink Via RMS	N/A	D	For GOHSEP SET Use RMS N5EKF@winlink.org
5	Tactical	Digital Traffic - Secondary	All parishes with digital traffic	Winlink Via RMS	N/A	D	For GOHSEP SET Use RMS N5EKF@winlink.org
8	Tactical	VHF Packet	TELPAC/Winlink	RX – 145.010 TX – 145.010		D	Not monitored by GOHSEP
11	Tactical	Livingston	VHF to GOHSEPP	RX – 147.255 TX –147.855	136.5	A	Monitored by GOHSEP
13	Tactical	N5NXL Baton Rouge	UHF to GOHSEPP	RX –444.350 TX –449.350	136.5	A	Monitored by GOHSEP

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The convention calls for frequency lists to show four digits after the decimal place, followed by either an “N” or a “W,” depending on whether the frequency is narrowband or wideband. Mode refers to either “A” or “D,” indicating analog or digital (e.g., Project 25) or “M,” indicating mixed mode. All channels are shown as if programmed in a control station, mobile, or portable radio. Repeater and base stations must be programmed with the RX and TX reversed.

Prepared By:	Incident Location :		
County :	State:	W Latitude	N Longitude

GOHSEP RESOURCE REQUEST FORM

A. RADIO NAME:	B. CALL SIGN:
C. DATE:	D. TIME:

GENERAL INFORMATION	RESOURCE DESCRIPTION & DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS
INCIDENT #: 1.	1.
REQUESTER NAME: 2.	
PARISH: 3.	
DATE/TIME NEEDED: 4.	
DURATION NEEDED: 5.	
TRACKING # (DTG/PARISH): 6.	IS DELIVERY REQUIRED: 8. YES NO

RESOURCE TYPE 7.		REQUESTER POC	DELIVERY INFORMATION
Air Support	Levee Support	FIRST NAME: 10.	POC NAME: 16.
Ambulance	Liaison	LAST NAME: 11.	E-MAIL: 17.
Bottled Water	Mass Facility	AGENCY: 12.	PHONE: 18.
Bulk Water	Mass Feeding	PHONE: 13.	ALT. PHONE: 19.
Communications	Medical Support	ALT. PHONE: 14.	NAME OF SITE: 20.
Cots	Mosquito Abate.	E-MAIL: 15.	ADDRESS: 21.
Debris	MRE (Meals)		
DISNAP	PDA/IA		
Evacuation	PDA/PA		
Fire Protection	Pets/Livestock		
Fuel	POD		
(Fuel Form required)	Public Info		
Fuel Tanks	Roadway Inspect.		
Generator	Sandbags		
(Generator Form required)	Search/Rescue		
Generator AND Fuel	Security		
(Generator & Fuel Form required)	Shelter Support		
Hamnet	Tarps		
Ice	Transportation		
Intel./ Injury)	Utilities/Restore		
Intel./ Info)	Waste Water Pnt.		
Legal Support	Info Request		
Other			

PARISH AUTHORIZATION	
SIGNATURE: 22.	POSITION/TITLE: 23.

GOHSEP Resource Request v 1.01

GOHSEP RESOURCE REQUEST FORM

THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY GOHSEP when Replying

- 24. DATE LOGGED:
 - 25. TIME LOGGED:
 - 26. GOHSEP MISSION #:
 - 27. LOGGER NAME:
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OPERATIONS SECTION

- A. RADO NAME: JAMES COLEMAN
- B. CALL SIGN: NNA6CD
- C. DATE: 1-09-2026
- D. TIME: 18:00

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. INCIDENT #:001 THIS IS A TEST
- 2. REQUESTER NAME: BJ RELAND
- 3. PARISH: WASHINGTON
- 4. DATE/TIME NEEDED: 2026-1-09 18:01
- 5. DURATION NEEDED: 3 DAYS
- 6. TRACKING # (DTG/PARISH):001A

RESOURCE TYPE

- 7. Cots

RESOURCE DESCRIPTION & DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

- 8. 100 COTS, ADULT
- 9. IS DELIVERY REQUIRED: YES

REQUESTER POC

- 10. FIRST NAME: BJ
- 11. LAST NAME: BRELAND
- 12. AGENCY: WPOHSEP
- 13. PHONE: 9855161673
- 14. ALT. PHONE:
- 15. E-MAIL: BJBRELAND@WPGOV.ORG

DELIVERY INFORMATION

- 16. POC NAME: BJ BRELAND
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- 18. PHONE: 9855161673
- 19. ALT. PHONE:
- 20. NAME OF SITE: WP EOC
- 21. ADDRESS: 54100 DOLLAR RD
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PARISH AUTHORIZATION

- 22. SIGNATURE: BJ BRELAND
- 23. POSITION/TITLE: DIRECTOR WPOHSEP

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