

Summary of Winter Field Day SET 2025

Objectives of Activity

- Use digital communications
- Use Winlink Forms
- Members trained in emergency scenarios
- Map locations
- Recruit ARES Members

Activity

This activity consisted of Amateur Radio operator skilled in digital communications with the program called Winlink. From 0800 to 1200 on January 25, 2025, operators responded to a disaster scenario by sending reports to NET Control. These reports are well know by first responders, including ICS forms. The activity started and ended on time with operator wanting more activities like this.

Results

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Call Sign	Check in	Did You Feel It	Field Situation Report	ICS 213	NET Log file	Check Out	After Action Review	ICS 213 RR	Other Forms	RADIO Frequency – VARA	Telnet
WN7I	X	X	X	5	2	X	X	X	2	X	X
K7UCS		X	X						2		X
KC7WSU	X	X		X						X	
KD7URO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		3		X
KE7FGR	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		X
KG7WHX	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
KJ7GS	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X
KK7LDZ	X								2	X	X
KK7UCF	X			X	X	X	X				X
ND7H	X		X	X	X	X	X		3		X
W7MJP									X		
KK7PID	X		X								X
KE7UIA – NET CONTROL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

After Action Review: What Are We Going To Do Next Time

- Practice, practice, practice!
- Need to look into relays if no gateways available.
- Need training on re-sending to individual destinations. Does UCARESNET still get a courtesy copy if UCSO-EOC needs retransmit?
- have a clearly marked evacuation route with alternatives, if possible, for civilians.

- have a designated pizza delivery lane from several directions.
- I am not sure.
- Practice more. I should have my DigiRig hook up in place for the next one. Need to learn more. I think I need to create a few templates to record data as I go along that I can import into the forms during or after the event.
- It would have been nice - perhaps it happened, I've no log of it -- to have a form sent to each participant that checked in during the SET to send/resend a form but to another station participating and CC UCARESNET. Others would have gotten a form or action item from someone else participating and able to take action.
- At my level: Establish protocols of operation, change emergency power setup to simply internet modem power protection.
- Organizational level: We need to distribute ICS-201, ICS-202, ICS-204. Provide more explanation and instructions. Include a voice net component to use for questions and official start and stop traffic.
- All in all a good exercise. Well down Gary.
- I liked the general format. It was a good exercise in using forms and sending them via Winlink. I'm not sure how typical it would be in case of an actual call-out.

My Conclusion – Gary Hutton

- This was a good representation of interested Winlink users.
- Users were from all over Utah County
- These participants mostly used the telnet option to send messages
- Some day we will expect to only use UHF and VARA FM to send messages
- I received about 100 winlink emails in a 4 hour span. This was overwhelming for one operator
- Suggest we involve more leadership.
 - Incident Commander
 - Section Leaders: City contacts, LDS Church coordinators, Fire Dept. Police Dept. etc.
 - Winlink operators, Winlink responders, Winlink secretary/coordinator
- I suggest we quickly plan a Desktop Winlink SET. (March 2025)
- Winlink provides a good base for this SET. It provided forms that responders are familiar with: ie. ICS forms, Did you Feel IT forms, NET Log forms, After Action Review forms.
- Some users understood this scenario by requesting sandbags, coordinating volunteers with the LDS Church, providing heavy equipment to the scene, and requesting pizza for all volunteers.
- Mapping locations was not understood very well.
- All users were committed to UCARES and to assist if future events.
- Estimated time involved for this set: During exersize 60 hours, Setup/Conclusion 10 Hours, Total time = 70 Hours.