

APEX 2013 – Airport Disaster Exercise

Saturday September 21, 2013

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has tasked Arlington County Virginia Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) to provide communications support to their FAA mandated triennial emergency exercise on Saturday September 21, 2013 from 8:00 AM through 12:00 PM.

ARES operators should report to Hangar 7 no later than 8:00 AM. Free parking is provided in parking lot B located directly across the street from Hangar 7.

Start of Exercise (STARTEX) is at 9:00 AM.

ARES operators will be issued a APEX 2013 badge at check-in and will wear the badge throughout the exercise. Upon completion of the exercise the badge is yours to keep as a souvenir.

Talk-in will be on the W4WVP 145.470 repeater.

MWAA will provide lunch, (hotdogs/hamburgers, chips and a drink) to all exercise participants, starting at 11:00 AM. Amateur radio support should be finished by 12:00 - 12:30 PM at the latest.

End of Exercise (ENDEX) is at 1:00 PM.

ARES operators will provide communications support by staffing various locations around the airport, on vehicles used to transport moulaged patients to area hospitals, and at the area hospitals themselves. Operators will report to net control the departure time of the buses from the airport, a head count of patients on board, arrival time of the buses at the hospitals, the departure time of the buses back to the airport along with a departing headcount.

All volunteers should have proper attire for the weather. Be sure to bring a hat, water, sunscreen and of course, your dual band VHF/UHF radios, batteries, and extra batteries.

The disaster site net and primary net frequency will be 146.520 simplex. Repeaters we will be using are W4HFH 147.315, W4WVP 145.470, and WA3KOK 449.975. See attached ICS-205 form for additional details.