

**Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport  
Triennial Airport Exercise 2019 (APEX19)  
Saturday April 27, 2019  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has tasked Arlington County Virginia Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) to provide amateur radio communications support during the FAA mandated triennial emergency exercise on Saturday April 27, 2019 from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM

The exercise scenario involves an aircraft crashing and separating on the airport runway with fire. MWAA Fire-Rescue and other first responders deploy to the accident. The exercise is scheduled for 4 hours to test response, triage, and transport of patients to area hospitals as well as test mutual aid response involving multiple agencies.

Amateur radio operators will provide communications support for the exercise at the airport and at area hospitals.

Amateur radio operators volunteering to be on-site at the airport should report to Hangar 7 no later than 7:30 AM. Free parking is provided in parking lot B located directly across the street from Hangar 7. Place your parking pass on the dashboard.

Amateur radio operators volunteering to be on-site at area hospitals should report no later than 8:30 AM, check in with the hospital emergency room staff, and check in with net control.

STARTEX -- Start of Exercise is at 9:00 AM.

The W4WVP 145.470+, K4US 146.665+, and W4HFH 147.35+ amateur radio repeaters will be used during the exercise to coordinate and track patient transport from the airport to hospitals and back.

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

ENDEX -- End of Exercise is at 12:00 PM.

Amateur radio operators will report to net control the departure time of ambulances and/or buses from the airport, a head count of patients on board, arrival time of the ambulances/buses at the hospitals, the departure time of the shuttle buses back to the airport along with a departing headcount.

All amateur radio volunteers should wear proper attire for the day's weather and have a dual band VHF/UHF radios with extra batteries.

Email Arlington County ARES Emergency Coordinator Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, <kc5qcn@arrl.net>, with any exercise related questions.