

LaPorte County ARES
2025 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

0.1. Promulgation Statement

This plan is hereby approved and promulgated effective 25 September 2025.

1. 2025 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

County: La Porte **District:** One **Section:** Indiana

1.1. Exercise Scope

All activities are simulated and performed from home stations.

No field deployment will occur.

1.2. Scenario

On the night of 10 October and into the early morning of 11 October severe storms swept across Indiana, producing damaging winds, localized flooding, and widespread reports of downed trees, power lines, and other hazards throughout the region

1.3. Mission

On 11 October the LaPorte County ARES team is activated to conduct a rapid damage assessment. Operators will generate and transmit damage assessment radiograms.

1.4. Core Objectives

- □ Conduct ARES nets.
- □ Collect damage assessments.
- □ Perform public information officer functions.
- □ Maintain liaisons with neighboring counties.
- □ Communicate with section leadership.

1.5. Important Call Signs

1.5.1. Section Level

- **SM:** Bob AK9R **SEC:** Brian KD9EDR
- **STM:** Brian W9BGJ **PIC:** Barry KC9WMS

1.5.2. District Level

- **DEC:** VACANT

1.5.3. La Porte County

- **EC:** Jacob KD9LWR **PIO:** Allen AC9EB **NTS Liaison:** _____

1.5.3.1. La Porte County Net Controls

TBD

1.5.4. Neighbouring EC/DECs

Porter County	John KC9AFE	District 1
Jasper County	Mike KE9DCG	District 1
St Joseph County	Todd K9TWL	District 2
Starke County	Ken KD9MRM	District 2

1.6. Communications Plan

1.6.1. La Porte County Voice Nets

- ARES Net

Primary	K9JSI	146.610 MHz, OFFSET -0.6, PL 131.8Hz
Alternate	W9SAL	444.950 MHz, OFFSET +5.0, PL 131.8Hz
Contingency	SIMPLEX ONE	146.580 MHz

1.6.2. Liaison Nets

1.6.2.1. District One

- Distict One EC Net

Primary	N9IAA	146.685 MHz, OFFSET -0.6, PL 173.8Hz
Alternate	Winlink Email	
Contingency		

- Distict One HF Testing Net

Primary	ARES D1 HF PRIMARY	7.085, USB, 0/8/1k
Alternate	ARES D1 HF SECONDARY	3.5852, USB, 0/8/1k
Contingency		

1.6.2.2. Section Level

- Command & Control

Primary	7.280MHz LSB, ± QRM
Alternate	3.900MHz LSB, ± QRM
Contingency	

- Traffic Net

Primary	Winlink Email
Alternate	3.912 MHz LSB, ± QRM
Contingency	

1.7. Timeline & Tasks (Ordered)

1.7.1. Pre-Exercise (days-weeks ahead)

1.7.1.1. EC Tasks

1. □ Generate Exercise Documents
2. ▣ Identify PIO
3. □ Identify ARES Net's Net control stations
4. □ Verify Neighbouring counties liasions
5. ▣ Verify district level traffic Paths.
6. □ Verify section level traffic paths.

1.7.1.2. PIO Tasks

1. □ Draft Pre-exercise PIO message to announce functional exercise.
2. □ Release Pre-exercise PIO message to media and partners.

1.7.2. Exercise

1.7.2.1. Pre-Storm (Friday 10 October)

1.7.2.1.1. EC Tasks

1. □ Send Activation Alert.
2. □ Inform Section.

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1.7.2.2. Storm

1. Simulated Storm Occurs

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1.7.2.3. Post-Storm (Saturday 11 October)

1.7.2.3.1. LaPorte County ARES Net Control Tasks

1. □ 0900 CT – Open net.
2. □ Collect damage assessment radiograms.
3. □ 1030 CT – Close net to exercise traffic.
4. □ Keep net open for a hotwash.
5. □ 1100 CT – Close net.

1.7.2.3.2. EC Tasks

1. □ SitRep to Section.
2. □ Maintain link to neighboring counties.
3. □ Maintain link to district.
4. □ Maintain link to section.
5. □ Poll net for hotwash comments.

1.7.2.3.3. PIO Tasks

1. □ Issue Updated Situational Awareness PIO message
 - DO NOT send to media or partners.
 - The message should be sent to SM, SEC, STM, and PIC.

1.7.3. Post-Exercise (12 Oct until 18 Oct)

1.7.3.1. EC Tasks

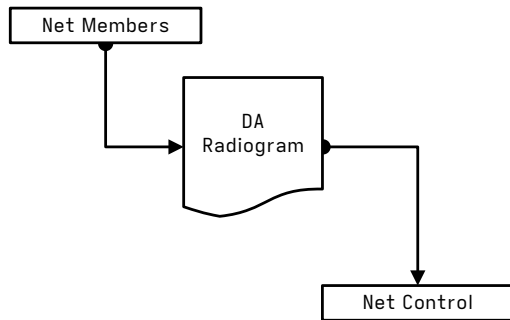
1. □ Request after-action report from participants.
 - Collect via email to jacob@jake9wi.com
 - Due before 15 Oct.
2. □ File Section's EC Report to SEC via Winlink.
3. □ File ARRL's EC Report on ARRL website.

1.7.3.1.1. PIO Tasks

1. □ Draft Post-exercise PIO message.
2. □ Release Post-exercise PIO message to media and partners.

1.8. Flowcharts

Operator-level Flowchart



Leadership Flowchart

