



EXERCISE

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BULLETIN – EXERCISE OPERATION BLACK SWAN SIMULATED DISASTER

Please distribute to all traffic nets and EMCOMM organizations

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Exercise: In response to the ongoing severe weather outbreak affecting the Upper Midwest, activation of medium and long-haul communications facilities have been requested by civil authorities to expedite both operational and welfare message traffic.

Operations will commence at 1201Z on October 7 (071201Z OCT 2017). The following network resources are requested:

- Section/State Nets in Affected Areas
- IATN Radiotelegraph Circuits.
- Digital Traffic Net Circuits

Traffic Routing:

1. Both IATN and DTN methods may be used to transfer message traffic between section nets. In this respect, IATN will facilitate both inter-area message transfer as well as region message transfer as necessary
2. Messages to overseas addresses may be injected directly into DTN or they may be transferred to DTN at the Section or IATN level.
3. Traffic destined for Alaska may be routed to the Western Area Network for relay via radiotelegraph to the Alaska Section.
4. Radio operators are at liberty to use expedient routings and alternate methods to ensure efficient traffic operations.

Traffic Concentration:

Section level: Message precedence permitting, traffic should be concentrated at the top of the hour.

IATN level: Message precedence permitting, traffic should be concentrated at the bottom of the hour.

DTS Liaison to/from DTN: Digital Traffic Stations are encouraged to download message traffic hourly throughout the day in the affected areas. DTS operators outside the affected area are encouraged to increase the frequency

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of downloads to facilitate the flow of welfare message traffic. It may be best to do so at 45 minutes past the hour.

IATN-CW Operational Frequencies (primary/secondary/tertiary):

Day:	14115 kHz	7115 kHz	3563 kHz
Night:	7115 kHz	3563 kHz	10115 kHz

Use of existing net schedules:

Radio operators are encouraged to use existing networks when available to originate or relay exercise operational or exercise welfare traffic.

Exercise Considerations:

1. All messages precedence fields shall be preceded by "TEST" (on CW "T," for example "TP" for priority).
2. All message texts shall be preceded by the word "exercise."
3. When listing traffic on IATN watch frequencies, please call "BS17." For example: "BS17 de WB8SIW QTC 1 TP OH"

Exercise Activation Radiogram Bulletin 1:

Please transmit the following exercise bulletin on all nets:

70 TP WB8SIW 22 MARION IL 1201Z OCT 6
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IATN QSX 14115 AND 7115 DAY 7115 AND 3563 NIGHT
X EXERCISE

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Radio Relay International Activation:

RRI networks are operating on schedule and, as always, the RRI Digital Traffic Network operates 24/7/365. These resources remain available for both operational and welfare traffic. Requests from net managers or EMCOMM coordinators for specialized communications circuits or additional network cycles to support either operational or welfare message traffic should be directed to:

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