

## Eastern Massachusetts ARES Section “Test” Exercise – Winlink Messaging Operation

The Eastern Massachusetts ARES Section is conducting a “test” exercise focused on Winlink operations on Saturday 5/10/25. This “test” exercise is coincident with the following events:

- Cape Cod ARES District Exercise on Saturday 5/10/25 from 1000 AM-1200 PM
- Winlink ETO (Emergency Training Organization) exercise

Winlink is a form of email that can be sent over radio or Internet. Some details on what it takes to utilize Winlink via a program known as RMS Express and other background training material on Winlink can be seen at the following link:

[https://winlink.org/content/winlink\\_book\\_knowledge](https://winlink.org/content/winlink_book_knowledge)

For this “test exercise” at the section level, we are focusing exclusively on the Winlink Digital mode. General Amateur Radio Operators and ARES members that have Winlink capability or those interested in working on getting it running are asked to do the following using any Winlink mode (Packet/VARA Amateur Radio or Winlink Telnet):

- 1.) Send a Winlink Field Situation Report to [kd1cy@winlink.org](mailto:kd1cy@winlink.org) filling in the template with the info it requests anytime on Saturday 5/10/25 from 500-AM-1159 PM – if you are not familiar/comfortable with Winlink forms, a simple email message for the exercise is also acceptable.
- 2.) Send either a Winlink Severe Weather Report Form or Local Weather Report form filling in the template with the info it requests anytime on Saturday 5/10/25 from 500-AM-1159 PM – if you are not familiar/comfortable with Winlink forms, a simple email message for the exercise is also acceptable. Send these forms to [wx1box@winlink.org](mailto:wx1box@winlink.org)
- 3.) For “extra credit”, participate and following the instructions of the Winlink ETO exercise that are in this link: [https://www.emcomm-training.org/drills2.html#Assignment\\_5-10-25](https://www.emcomm-training.org/drills2.html#Assignment_5-10-25)
- 4.) Also for “extra credit”, participate in the Cape Cod ARES District Exercise via the various modes/bands they will be operating on Saturday AM 5/10/25

All messages sent to the KD1CY and WX1BOX Winlink email addresses will be responded to any time on Saturday through 200 PM Sunday Afternoon 5/11/25 and we will send a brief report out on the participation from the section. We appreciate your support of Eastern Massachusetts ARES!