



## Redundant Communications Drill

Redundant Communications Drills are conducted to test the ability of hospitals to communicate with their local jurisdiction and with each other in the event of phone and email failure. All hospitals who participate in the Hospital Preparedness Program are required to participate in at least one communications drill per quarter. Redundant Communications Drills are held on the last Friday of every month. Testing of redundant communications can be achieved through the following methods during the drill time frame 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:

- **Jurisdictional Commercial Radio** - If you have a commercial radio to test as part of the monthly communications drill, please make prior arrangements with your local jurisdiction to arrange the test. **Your jurisdictional representative will need to send an email to [Smckinnis@ncttrac.org](mailto:Smckinnis@ncttrac.org) confirming the date and method that contact was made (with you copied into the email).**
- **Amateur Radio** – Amateur radio testing will be conducted via a directed radio net through NCTTRAC. Please see the table below. We will be conducting a Roll Call by county at the beginning of each group’s time slot and using Tactical Call Signs for facility identification (see attached) to aid with facility recognition.
- **DFW-Wide** – If you have a DFW-Wide system you may contact either us or your local jurisdiction. If you contact your local jurisdiction then the rules for credit are the same as for the Jurisdictional Commercial Radio. DFW-Wide will check in using the assigned time slots listed in the table below by County.
- **DFW-Connect** – If you have the DFW-Connect Overlay, you may check in with us on the NCTTAR-C Talkgroup, or you can check in with your local jurisdiction and have them email us at [jseil@ncttrac.org](mailto:jseil@ncttrac.org).
- **Satellite Phones** - For those testing satellite phones, contact NCTTRAC EMCC at 817-607-7020 during the drill (10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.).
- **MSAT** – For those that have MSAT systems please contact NCTTRAC EMCC on the NCTTRAC1 talk group. Please do not use the MSAT to dial 817-607-7020 for drilling purposes.
- **WebEOC** – Log-in to the NCTTRAC Server of WebEOC (<https://webeoc.ncttrac.org/eoc7/default.aspx>), find the appropriate incident, and create a post in the “**Local Medical Events**” board that contains your name, facility/agency, and a line confirming that you are checking in to the Redundant Communications Drill.

### Amateur Radio Group & DFW-Wide Time Slots by County

Group	Time	Counties	Repeater Information
A	10:00 – 10:30	Cooke, Wise and Denton	145.490   85.4 Hz Tone   Rosston
B	10:30 – 11:00	Grayson, Fannin, Collin and Hunt	146.740   110.9 Hz Tone   McKinney
C	11:00 – 11:30	Rockwall, Dallas, Kaufman, Ellis, Navarro, Tarrant and Johnson	147.140   110.9 Hz Tone   Arlington
D	11:30 – 12:00	Palo Pinto, Parker, Erath, Hood and Somervell	147.040   110.9 Hz Tone   Weatherford
D	11:30 – 12:00	Somervell (other Group D counties are encouraged to use this Repeater)	145.490   88.5 Hz Tone   Johnson
*	11:30 – 12:00	For facilities using the following communication methods: DFW Wide, DFW CONNCT, Satellite Phones, and MSAT	

*We will be conducting a Roll Call by county at the beginning of each group's time slot using **Tactical Call Signs** for facility identification.*

If you would like to receive emails announcing each Redundant Communications Drill, please contact Stephanie McKinnis at [Smckinnis@ncttrac.org](mailto:Smckinnis@ncttrac.org).