

# Monterey County ARES supports Golden Guardian and Quiet Glow II

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**Salinas, CA** – Monterey County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) announced that it provided support for two emergency exercises during the month of May. The first was the California Emergency Management Agency (CAL EMA) sponsored Golden Guardian exercise. The second was the multi-agency Quiet Glow II exercise.

Golden Guardian was a state-planned exercise that simulated a 7.9 magnitude earthquake occurring on the San Andreas Fault affecting 10 Bay Area counties. The exercise simulated a response beginning 48-hours after the quake. During this exercise, Monterey County responded to simulated damage as well as having to absorb evacuees from the other affected Bay Area counties. Participating agencies ranged from FEMA to the Water Resources Board. Monterey County ARES provided backup communication links between the Regional EOC located at Cal State University Monterey Bay and the Office of Emergency Services Emergency Operations Center (OES EOC) located in Salinas as well as participating in the Simulation Cell.

During the period of May 22-23, Monterey County ARES provided communications support for the California National Guard-sponsored Quiet Glow II exercise. This exercise simulated the detection, location, and seizure of uncontrolled radiological materials. This exercise involved agencies such as the FBI, FEMA, California National Guard, Salinas Fire Department, Monterey County OES, Monterey County Bomb Squad, Monterey CERT, as well as other specialized national assets.

Both of these exercises offered an excellent training opportunity for Monterey County ARES members to exercise their communication skills using the Monterey County OES EOC and mobile EOC. Feedback from the exercise controllers regarding the contributions and professionalism of the Monterey County ARES members was very positive.

## About Monterey County ARES

Monterey County ARES is an all-volunteer group of amateur radio operators whose mission is to provide communication services to Monterey County emergency and disaster relief organizations during times of crisis. Monterey County ARES works in conjunction with Emergency Communications Through Amateur Radio (ECTAR) which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is dependant upon grants and donations for funding.

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**Picture 1: Monterey County Mobile Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**



**Picture 2: Monterey County ARES member working the radios**