**Idea: A Prepper ham Radio Net/Drill that everyone is invited to.**



I've noticed a lot of discussion lately on the topic of ham radio. As always, it breaks down in to two the camps, "I have a license" and "I'll figure out how to use the radio when the world ends, I don’t want the government to know where I live." I would like to hold an exercise where we all get along and practice our radio skills, and communication plans.

I know the folks over at [r/amateurradio](https://www.reddit.com/r/amateurradio/) regularly have nets at a scheduled time. Now, I'm based out of east San Francisco bay, and there seems to be a fair number of folks here in the bay area, My buddy and I would be willing to get to a high enough place to attempt to run a net both on 20 meters and 2 meters simultaneously, as an exercise to simulate passing information from HF to VHF, and cover a good deal of the bay area (roughly San Jose to SF, mostly the Peninsula but a lot of the east bay) on VHF Simplex. Given It’s simplex I’d like to recruit an alternate net control on both bands to expand our coverage.

I believe this would be beneficial to our licensed community, because I am not aware of any VHF HF Crossover nets, and it’s how I Imagined passing of information would go should the lights go out, and I’d be interested to see how it would play out in real life. Depending on the scale of disaster simulated, it is useful to pass information outside of the bay area and back into the bay area for information regarding weather, watches and warnings in effect, and other news. Also, if some of you know each other, it would be interesting to pass information like,” I am alive and well, please call my mum in Chicago and tell her the family Is okay”, across the band.

I believe it would be beneficial to our unlicensed “Baofeng army,” Software Defined radio folks, and Short wave listening fans, because it will give them a taste of how things could go, and they could learn that either they do not know how to use their radios and they need to learn, or that this is kinda cool and they should get their license. For the folks listening I would offer some sort of “code word” to submit to check in to the net via the internet that they are able to receive information.

Personally, I think this could be a really cool exercise, if this gains enough interest I’d shoot for February 3rd, around 2000 UTC unless that is an incredibly unpopular time for some reason. I’ll follow up with another post around Sunday, if it pleases the mods, with more detail, and maybe even cross post into [r/amateurradio](https://www.reddit.com/r/amateurradio/) at that time, because I’m sure there are people who would love to participate.

If everyone here says in “I don’t want to check into this and have people know my callsign because then they will know I’m a prepper, and know where I live and everyone in California is going to come and steal all of my 5 gallon buckets of rice and beans, along with all of my cool multitools,” I may throw in the towel and say I tried and my idea failed, But I’d argue that, while we are going to keep a station log for the sake of a write up about coverage, effectiveness, and traffic passed, I don’t think anyone is really going to attempt to keep an identical log maliciously, and we will not share the logs with anyone. But you would still be invited to listen in and participate via the internet.