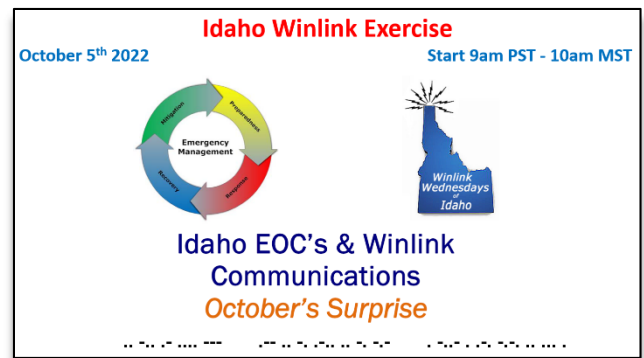## Calling all Idaho Amateur Radio operators.

We would like to invite you to participate in the Idaho Statewide Amateur Radio exercise.

We need as many amateur radio operators as possible to show the State Emergency Services that we are ready to step up in a disaster and deliver various services. This exercise will use Winlink to provide ground truthing data to the state. Winlink is a tool we should learn to use. It can provide data and maps on a bad day.

The purpose of this exercise is to learn and use Winlink through any connection. We want every Ham to participate so using the internet (telnet) to send your Winlink message is totally acceptable. Later we will learn radio connections. Now is a good time to go to **www.winlink.org** and discover what it can do.

Its time to get ready for the October 5th exercise. It will be a two hour exercise with a third hour for review. Starting at 9am PST and 10am MST. (remember the State of Idaho is in two time zones) The first 1.5 hours of the exercise will be the time we will ask for your "Field Situation Report" to be submitted. The next half hour, that information will be put together and delivered to the Local EOC's and the State

We will have three levels that you can participate in.

1. From home send in a simulated situation report to net control KC7VBT and the county lead ham via Winlink.
2. Join together with other hams in your county Via a club and/or Ares group, to collect simulated situation report and send them to net control KC7VBT and the county lead.
3. Be the county lead and collect simulated situation reports and provide the information to the local County Emergency Manager.

NOTE:
PLEASE encourage/recruit your local hams to participate in this exercise. The more the better, BECAUSE we want to really show the State of Idaho what Amateur radio can accomplish. Also check into the Wednesday Winlink Net with KC7VBT for the weekly Net. A great way to practice your Winlink skills.

To sign up for the exercise contact Don Gardner dgardner@clearwatercounty.org