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Emergency Communication Methods Demonstrated

Lee and Williamson County offices of Emergency Management are working in concert with Williamson County Amateur Radio Emergency Services in a joint demonstration that will allow officials to evaluate the use of amateur radio to communicate with emergency services when normal communication methods are interrupted.

Both voice and data communications will be demonstrated and will be conducted between Lee and Williamson County Emergency Operation Centers at the Lee County Sheriff's Complex, in Giddings, on March 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Lee County Emergency Management Coordinator Delynn Peschke said, "Lee County is excited to have a joint communications exercise/demonstration with Williamson County, Williamson County ARES and Lee County ARES. This exercise/demonstration shows cooperation between all parties involved and will strengthen our response to emergencies."

Rodney Meyer, Lee

County Sheriff, sent a letter to the group stating, "The Lee County Sheriff's Office is excited to have the Williamson County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and Lee County ARES coming together for a demonstration on the capabilities to deploy and establish radio communications in Lee County and between Lee County EOC and Williamson County EOC and the State

Operations Center."

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) consists of Amateur Radio licensees who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. ARES is an official organization of the Amateur Radio Relay League, ARRL, and serves disaster related agencies.