



Ko'olau Amateur Radio Club

Hawai'i's Amateur Radio Operators Gearing Up for Annual Field Day Exercise

(Kailua, HI) -- On-air demonstrations, satellite communications and emergency preparedness activities are on tap for the whole family as the **Ko'olau Amateur Radio Club (KARC)** puts on its annual emergency operations exercise known as Field Day, held this year the weekend of June 27 at Kualoa Beach Park.

Field Day, an international event, tests amateur radio operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions, such as the loss of electricity during a hurricane. This is especially important in Hawai'i, where hurricanes and other natural disasters are a very real threat.

"This year, we have members of the disaster preparedness community joining us, such as the National Weather Service's **SKYWARN**, the **American Red Cross** and **Oahu's Department of Emergency Management**," says *Kevin Bogan* of the **KARC**. "There is more to an emergency than meets the eye, and one thing we're trying to do is give the public a good look at amateur radio & the beneficial role it plays with other agencies during those trying times."

There is no charge for this public event, which runs from 8 a.m. Saturday, June 27 to 8 a.m. Sunday, June 28. Live demonstrations are scheduled hourly from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Pack a lunch and come on out! Camping is possible on the KARC permit - please contact us by email to make arrangements.

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