

# Santa Fe ARES

## April 1, 2026

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# SFARES Meeting April 1, 2026

- Agenda
  - Status updates
  - Committees - reports
    - Technical - Winlink/Packet
    - Membership/Engagement
    - Communications/Outreach
    - Mentoring/Licensing
    - Fundraising
  - New Mexico QSO Party (April 11 8AM-8PM)
  - Upcoming Events



# Status

- Repeaters (analog)
  - No changes
  - Mar. 25 Radio Net – St Vincent repeater 6 check-ins
- Propagation – HF generally good, solar activity
- LEPC – April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be “closed”
- Airport exercise – multi-agency comms issues reported



# SFARES Committee Reports -

- Technical - Winlink/Packet – Darrell WK0C
  - April 2026 Winlink Exercise
- Recruiting(/Engagement) – Gene K5ZX
  - Rand KI7YLE attended
- Outreach(/Publicity) – Lyn N1LYN
- Education(/Mentoring)
- Fundraising

# APRIL 2026

## Winlink Exercise

SFARES Shelter  
Communications Packet  
due by 4/25/2026

# Scenario

Cyber Terror Attack Continues.

Wildfire North Santa Fe North to Espanola and Los Alamos.

Many shelters opened to house displaced people.

Goal is to collect information on displaced people and send status messages to relatives and friends.

Communications Packet due by 4/25/2026

# Communications Packet Exercise

## Your Mission

Collect the Status Condition of Displaced Persons at your assigned Shelter School and Relatives with contact information.

Consider a Log Displaced/Contact/Message ID (How would you do this?)  
Submit structured reports using ICS-213 forms via Winlink.

## Reporting Guidelines

Reports must include:

Name of Displaced:

Status/Condition:

Shelter Location:

Contact Name:

Email:

Phone:

Repeat with more contact names if needed.

## Communications Method(s)

Primary: Winlink Express

Secondary: Local packet gateway / tactical radio

Voice coordination via directed net if used



# Winlink Exercises –

- Winlink Thursdays are now held weekly! See
  - [https://emcomm-training.org/Winlink\\_Thursdays.html](https://emcomm-training.org/Winlink_Thursdays.html)
- ETO Practice Exercises – (submission is now Sat 5PM to Fri 1 AM MT)
  - 1st Thursday: (NEW) ICS-213 message
  - 2nd Thursday: (NEW) ICS-213 RR message
  - 3rd Thursday: a custom Winlink exercise, continuing the ETO model of exploring Winlink features.
  - 4th Thursday: (NEW) ICS-205 message
  - 5th Thursday: (NEW) a Field Situation Report message
- For a Winlink account and software see <https://winlink.org/WinlinkExpress>



# New Mexico QSO Party – April 11

- Objective: New Mexico stations contact as many New Mexico counties, states, and countries as possible – on HF, 6m, 2m
  - Stations outside New Mexico contact as many New Mexico counties as possible.
- Classes: Single, Multi, Mobile operators
- Power multipliers: QRP - 5, Low Power (5-150W) – 2, High Power – 1
- Multiply QSO points by total of each different NM county, state, and country worked.
- Mobile Operations Bonus – 5000 point for each county activated with at least 15 QSOs
- W1AW/5 Bonus – 500 points for a valid contact



# Upcoming Events

## APRIL

11 (Sat) **NM QSO Party** - <https://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/> + **W1AW/5**

[https://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/NMQP\\_Forms.pdf](https://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/NMQP_Forms.pdf)

18 (Sat) World Amateur Radio Day

## MAY

9 (Sat) Jemez Mtn Trail Run – John KF5REI organizing [john@zoltai.com](mailto:john@zoltai.com)

16 (Sat) **Gravelón** – Chris KG5SWG organizing

17 (Sun) **Santa Fe Century** - Jack K3UGR organizing

## JUNE

6-7 (Sat-Sun) Intl Digital Contest <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-digital-contest>

13-15 (Sat-Sun) ARRL June VHF Contest <https://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

27-28 (Sat-Sun) **ARRL Field Day**

**America 250 - W1AW Portable activations - [www.arrl.org/america250-was](http://www.arrl.org/america250-was)**



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# Discussions

Thank you!