



**Press Release  
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***Fremont Amateur Radio Enthusiasts Ready to Demonstrate  
Test Skills during Annual Field Day Exercise***

**FREMONT, California**, June 10, 2024 -- On June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, Amateur Radio ("ham") operators across the country will leave the comfort of their home-based radio "shacks" for a weekend of emergency preparedness activities called "Field Day." The event is designed to test operators' skills in setting up and operating radio communication equipment in situations where electrical power is limited or unavailable. The idea is to simulate the conditions that can occur during natural disasters; hurricane, earthquake, flood, and man-made. The event is sponsored by the ARRL -- the national association for Amateur Radio. The first Field Day took place in 1933.

During Field Day, operators set up radio transmitting and receiving equipment in local parks, shopping malls, or even in backyards, and get on the air using generators, battery or solar power to run their equipment. Unlike cell phones and the Internet which can be reliant on infrastructure, ham radio allows communication beyond the grid even when the power is out or traditional networks are down. This makes it valuable for emergencies, disaster relief efforts, and remote communication.

The South Bay Radio Association (SBARA) will be holding its preparedness exercise at Central Park in Fremont, on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Central Park is located on Paseo Padre Parkway and Sailway Drive. SBARA's Website can be located on-line at <http://www.sbara.org>. There are 748,236 Licensed Amateur Radio operators in the United States, (recorded as of 6/8/24). There are more than 3.3 million Licensed Amateur Radio Operators world-wide. Through the ARRL, ham volunteers provide emergency communications to the Department of Homeland Security, CERT, FEMA, Salvation Army, and hundreds of state and local agencies, all free of any charges.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to the [American Radio Relay League](#) Website. The public is most cordially invited to come, meet, and talk with the hams. See what modern Amateur Radio can do. SBARA can even help you get on the air!

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