



**Press Release  
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***Connecting the World Off-Grid:  
Fremont Amateur Radio Club Joins National Exercise***

**FREMONT, California**, June 17, 2026 -- The South Bay Radio Association (SBARA) will be participating in the national Amateur Radio preparedness exercise at Central Park in Fremont, on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11AM. Through the ARRL, ham volunteers provide emergency communications to the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, CERT, Salvation Army, including state and local emergency responders' agencies, all free of any charges.

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 such as; hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods. The event is sponsored by the ARRL -- the national association for Amateur Radio.

During Field Day, operators set up radio transmitting and receiving equipment in local parks, malls, or even in backyards, and get on the air using generators, batteries or solar power to operate. Unlike cell phones and Internet connectivity, which can be reliant on infrastructure, ham radio allows communication beyond the grid even when the power is out or traditional networks are down. Making Amateur Radio invaluable for emergencies, disasters, and relief efforts, including remote communication.

Central Park is located on Paseo Padre Parkway and Sailway Drive. SBARA's Website can be located on-line at SBARA. There are 732,763 Licensed Amateur Radio operators in the United States, (as of June' 26). There are more than 3 million Licensed Amateur Radio Operators worldwide.

To learn more about the South Bay Amateur Radio Association visit our website and the National Association for Amateur Radio, ARRL website. The public is most cordially invited to come, meet, and talk with the hams. See what modern Amateur Radio in the 21<sup>st</sup> century can do! SBARA can even provide you with licensing assistance!

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