

First Manoa Ham Net Exercise Held July 8th

Manoa-based Amateur Radio Operators held their first exercise on July 8, 2014. Seven radio operators from Manoa in addition to operators checking in from Waikiki, Kapiolani Community College, Keeaumoku area, and St Francis Hospital (14 in all) participated in the exercise. Check-in was at 10:00 am on a popular repeater on Diamond Head owned by the Honolulu Emergency Amateur Radio Club. All stations then moved to the simplex frequency assigned to Manoa by the Honolulu County Department of Emergency Management to exchange signal reports. Simplex frequencies are those in which operators contact each other radio-to-radio without the advantage of a powerful repeater. It would be as if you were using one cell phone to call another without the use of the cellular repeater grid! In the event of a disaster where the electrical and communication grid collapses, these kinds of simplex communications capabilities may be what remains. Five members of 'Be Ready Manoa' participated in the exercise: Raleigh Ferdun, Betty Yee, Jack Tsujimura, Gordon Loui, and Fred Fortin.