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TO: ALL ARES / RACES Members, Nevada Section
RE: State of Drill / Testing for Potential Emergency

Ladies and Gentlemen –

This is a notification of an official drill and exercise. Because of your membership in a Nevada ARES and/or RACES organization and, due to the heightened security risks following the death of Osama Bin Laden and the possibility of reprisals and other events globally, the recent swarm of earthquakes in both West Reno and the Mineral County area, and the potential of snow melt and water runoff which could lead to flooding, and the potential of wildland fires, I must declare that we are in a standby mode of "drill, exercise and preparedness" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on an ongoing basis until further notice.

In doing so, I ask you to conduct routine traffic, pass messages of public information, check into any and all nets conducted in and around our section (state) to assure that your equipment is secure and working properly, and that you are in constant contact with other Amateur Radio stations. When operating mobile, please check your ability to reach various mountaintop repeaters to assure that they can be accessed from various locations. Also, please be advised that you may be called upon to deploy to locations of need including assignment by various served agencies at a moment's notice should a need arise. Be prepared by having proper supplies, equipment, vests and backup gear in your vehicles to assure that you may be sustained should you be called into service, especially in remote areas. Finally, ARES/RACES members should carry their ARES/RACES cards/badges and/or credentials for identification and a copy of this letter AT ALL TIMES, especially when away from home, on the road or when situated in remote locations. You may be asked to show it to law enforcement and/or served agency officials.

Should you have questions or need further information regarding this state of drill, please don't hesitate to contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Carlson".

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