

# Nevada County ARES Summary

## Great California Shakeout Earthquake Exercise

Nevada ARES participated in the Great California Shakeout Earthquake Drill with an alert sent out and a net that began at 10:16AM

We had a total of 10 check-ins which was pretty good for a weekday since about 1/2 of the members work.

We accomplished the goals of the drill:

- 1) Test response to mid-week event
- 2) Determine (again) best means of notifying members
- 3) Re-test text messaging using sacvalleyares.org <<http://sacvalleyares.org>>
- 4) Checked-in to Yolo ARES net using packet

The drill was successful as far as it went.

### Lessons learned:

1. We need to train more members using packet; there is some interest. Maybe next time, do a 100% battery only, portable antenna, no mobile.
2. We discovered that if we use the email to text message option on [www.sacvalleyares.org](http://www.sacvalleyares.org), Verizon customers had the message truncated at less than 140 characters.

A bit of research today revealed that if Verizon users use the email-to-text address of:

[phone#@vtext.com](mailto:phone#@vtext.com), there is a 140 character limit

[phone#@vzwpix.com](mailto:phone#@vzwpix.com), you get a 1000 Character limit

The sacvalleyares.org web site has now added the option for more characters, and the note regarding the options for the email-to-text-gateways for Verizon.

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