

One of the Winlink exercise parts of the upcoming SET on Oct 1st will be a Safety Message. That is, a status message of your well being sent to a family member or concerned friend on the mainland that is interested in your safety. These messages are quite common when the popular forms of communication like cell service and Internet are lost and family wants to know you are OK. It is important to know that messages of this kind during an emergency should be kept short for both outgoing and any response to limit traffic on the radio bands. Winlink CMS (common message server) regulates messages from non Winlink addresses and filters out most unsolicited messages. Messages with a properly formatted subject line are allowed to come back into the Winlink system, such as those that are a reply from a message originating from Winlink Express.

When you send a Winlink Safety Message to your family using a regular Internet email address, (*and this is important*) copy me **KH7HO** that is, a plain regular Winlink message with the following format:

Subj: Message from <your name>

This is an exercise message.

I am participating in a statewide Hawaii extreme tsunami drill. We are testing our out-of -state notification to a family member or friend. Message follows:

I am (or we are) safe and no injuries reported. We are sheltering at home [or some other place].

This is an exercise message.

Don't forget to copy KH7HO on the message so we can see how many were sent. Mahalo for testing this.