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Ham Radio makes for fun – Prepare for emergencies – June 24-25

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Tucson, AZ June 3, 2006 – Ham Radio has been in the news this year. From Suitsat, launched from the International Space Station to the Indonesian disasters Amateur Radio operators have not only made news but saved lives and property around the globe.

Field Day is an annual emergency preparedness event. Thousand of Hams in the USA, Canada, Mexico and South America will set up stations in parks, emergency facilities, schools and backyards to sharpen their skills using only emergency power and exotic communications equipment to prove that Ham radio works when all else fails.

The Radio Society of Tucson will hold it's annual event at the Oro Valley Police Department, 11000 N. La Canada, where a number of different Ham stations will be communicating country and world wide with other hams. Ham operators will be demonstrating various methods of communication from voice to digital to Ham TV. There are more than 3,000 licensed hams in Pima County and more than 2.5 million world wide.

The public is invited to stop by, ask questions and get involved in Ham Radio from 11am on Saturday to 11am on Sunday. (Backgrounder information on Ham Radio and news organizations can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/pio/gather.html> and what Ham Radio is at <http://www.arrl.org/pio/bwhatis.html>) ###