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When modern communication networks fail during a natural disaster, amateur radio operators step in to keep communities connected. To sharpen these critical skills, members of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club will participate in the annual ARRL Field Day exercise from 2pm Saturday, June 27th till 5pm Sunday, June 28th. The public is invited to visit the club's temporary emergency stations, which will be set up at the Paoli Municipal Airport. Attendees will get a firsthand look at how "hams" use portable antennas, transceivers, and alternative power sources to send radio signals across North America and around the globe without relying on the internet or cell towers. Field Day has been an annual tradition since 1933, organized by The National Association for Amateur Radio. The event is equal parts emergency preparedness drill, competitive exercise, and public demonstration. It highlights how amateur radio transcends borders, brings people together, and provides a vital communications lifeline when standard utilities go dark. Whether you are a tech enthusiast, interested in emergency readiness, or simply curious about a unique hobby, the members of Orange County Amateur Radio Club welcome you to stop by, ask questions, and see the equipment in action June 26th and 27th.