

DCS Tactical Messaging Exercise

Put Saturday, October 14, on your calendar for a voice-only exercise inspired by the Great California Shakeout.

DCS is helping respond to a 5.8 shaker miles west off Santa Monica. Short, coherent tactical messaging from DCS members will help our served cities and County responders. Bottom-up reports from members will support this exercise. DCS members will work tac channels to let their districts know what's happening over the two simulated shifts. Local districts may pool their resources and work as a team.

Keep things simple. The drill's primary goal is to pass lots of short messages and log them as we go at a district level and countywide level. "Listen well" and "think" prior to pushing PTT. Operators should focus on simple, coherent messages using good radio protocol for IDs, repeats, and relays. Use pro-words where needed.

Have fun and don't be shy in reporting new information locally or in making and logging contacts with other DCS districts. Review the drill's ICS-205 Form for frequencies and actively work the DCS codeplug to make simplex contacts with adjacent districts. If you need the channel listing, it's on the DCS website.

An MCU is expected on duty in the Rosemead area to get reports from districts. DCS districts will report issues in their vicinity to county net control operators. County NCOs may direct districts or local members to fulfill requests from the EOB.

- **0900-0930** DCS members check in locally with Mercalli Scale reports & availability to work shifts A, or B, or both.
(A Shift 10-1130, or B Shift 1130 to 1300)
- **0930-1000** District NCs report the above in a directed county net.
- **1000 to 1130 and 1130 to 1300** Districts take reports from local operators & report information to County NC. Monitor K6CPT1 & K6CPT2 for direction & requests. Local operators may get reports or request information from adjacent districts. Relays may be required.



Tactical Traffic suggestions

Mercalli-scale damage reports

Shift availability

Simple city request

Report on city EOC status

Powerlines down, where?

Water main incidents, where?

Overpasses dropped

Fire

You or your incident's location

Reporting a task completed

DCS members report their status to their local NC every 30 minutes, possibly by local roll call...

