



Los Angeles County Operational Area Disaster Communications Service

After Action Report (AAR)

District: 03 - South Los Angeles

Date: 10/27/2014

Activity: L.A. County OA Functional Exercise

Date of Event: 10/22/2014 **Time:** 0800

To Date: 10/22/2014

Time: 1500

Number of DCS Members: 3

Hours:

Please Attach A Copy of the Sign-In Sheet

DCS Incident Commander: Deane Bouvier, T-02

Net Control Operator(s): Deane Bouvier, T-02; Stuart Gorsky, T-61 Wendy Khoo, T-120,

DCS Safety Officer(s): Deane Bouvier, T-02 Unit I.D., Unit I.D.

Command Post Location / Address: South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station

Purpose of Activity: Support L.A. County OA Functional Exercise

Who Requested DCS? Name: Unknown

Agency: L.A. County OEM

Overview of the Event / How Was DCS Used: Relaying messages from contact/contract cities to the County EOC via DCS in the EOB. Three messages received on 145.30 relayed on 147.27 with an average 42 minute delay. Two messages were received by messenger, one relayed via CTAC and one was a duplicate of one previously sent. One message was received from the EOB via 147.27 with no instructions for delivery.

Suggestions / Issues: One channel for all cities to talk with their contact/contract station created a lot of unnecessary delay, congestion and confusion, especially with no net control. Suggest each district use their normal simplex frequency to communicate with their contact/contract cities. This should be practiced frequently. Poor coordination with the city groups meant some didn't know which station to call, some were on the wrong frequency, some the wrong PL (creating heterodynes) and some gave up. SLA handled one message from Culver City (not in their area) because neither their primary (WHD) or secondary (MDR) contact station was on frequency. NWK handled other traffic from them. The OA Summary SitRep sent from the EOB to conclude the exercise was sent way too fast for accurate copy and with no instructions for delivery. Long messages like that one should be sent via NBEMS on the ICS 213 form. If you choose to send it via voice, the EOB operator needs to be better trained. Exercise results would have been much worse with any realistic volume of traffic.

Equipment / Modes of Communications Used: 2-meters FM

Other Agencies Involved: Cities of Lawndale, Hawthorne and Culver City

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After Action Reports are to be submitted to the Executive Staff no later than 10 working days after the Event / Incident