



Los Angeles County Operational Area Disaster Communications Service

After Action Report (AAR)

District: 21 - Century

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: 2

Hours: 19

Please Attach A Copy of the Sign-In Sheet

DCS Incident Commander: Diana Feinberg, T-01

Net Control Operator(s): Diana Feinberg, T-01; Vickie Ruch, T-218 ,

DCS Safety Officer(s): Diana Feinberg, T-01, Unit I.D.

Command Post Location / Address: Century 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 one message from a contract city (Lynwood) to the County EOC via DCS in the EOB. The two contact cities (Huntington Park and South Gate) did not participate via the Sheriff's Station and it is unknown if they participated at all.

Suggestions / Issues: Given the lack of message traffic at this location (with only one contract city, two contact cities, and much of the service area being unincorporated) coupled with no ham operators working on behalf of any city, this DCS room was not needed to be activated for the exercise. The three affected cities could have been advised to contact their alternate Sheriff's station, if necessary. In fact, the only message that "came" to Century resulted from a phone call a Deputy made to the City of Lynwood's emergency services coordinator in our presence asking if Lynwood planned to participate in the functional exercise. Lynwood had not planned to participate, but the emergency services coordinator read a situation report over the phone which the Deputy copied and DCS then relayed to the EOB. Nevertheless, we were pleased to staff this station for the full seven-hours to fulfill the imperative that every Sheriff's station be manned during the functional exercise. We were disappointed to observe that Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station was not staffed at all and West Hollywood partially-operational for only a portion of the functional exercise while at least one other DCS radio room decided to close up at around 1200 hours.

Equipment / Modes of Communications Used: 2-meters FM

Other Agencies Involved: City of Lynwood

Prepared By: Diana Feinberg

Unit I.D. T-01

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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