

Activity I.D. No.: _____



Los Angeles County Operational Area Disaster Communications Service

After Action Report (AAR)

District: 17 Lomita

Date: 5/7/2015

Activity: CFMB Quarterly COMEX - Palos Verdes Site

Date of Event: 5/7/2015

Time: 0800

To Date: 5/7/2015

Time: 1200

Number of DCS Members: 7

Hours: 35

Please Attach A Copy of the Sign-In Sheet

DCS Incident Commander: T-01

Net Control Operator(s): T-152 Unit I.D., Unit I.D.

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

Command Post Location / Address: 5845 Crestridge Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes 90275

Purpose of Activity: Test HF communications among 6 LASD units at deployed sites

Who Requested DCS? Name: Lt Glatt

Agency: CFMB

Overview of the Event / How Was DCS Used: All personnel were on site as of 0800hrs, two (2) operating stations were present: a 100 watt Barrett HF radio in MCU-4 (unit-12) and a personally owned (T-152) 20 watt AN/PRC-138 manpack was utilized as a secondary comm unit identifying as unit 12 ALTERNATE.

Beginning at 0900, MCU-4 made weak contact with SCC on STACOM 1, but severe ignition noise was driving the automatic gain controller making MCU-4 HF comms marginal. MCU-4 Barrett kept reverting to its scan mode of preprogrammed frequencies, had trouble keeping it on the primary net frequency.

Meanwhile, unit 12- ALTERNATE (the man pack) made weak contact with Net Control on STACOM 1, then weak to good contact with the following stations: Unit-15, Unit-14, Unit-11. Then we had clear copy receiving KNHH-558-Sacramento. Then we made readable contact with Unit-13. SCC net control was very rarely heard.

At roughly 1120, we changed operating frequencies to STACOM 3, and had contact with Unit-15, no further comms from SCC or any other field station. At 12:00, I notified Net Control on HF that we were securing our station, T-01 also called net control on VHF to confirm they received our message.

Suggestions / Issues: MCU-4 ignition noise precludes effective HF communications.

Equipment / Modes of Communications Used: MCU 4 Barret HF radio, personal Harris HF man pack radio

Other Agencies Involved: None

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Unit I.D. T-152

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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