

Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service Winter Communication Exercise

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0800-1030 Hours

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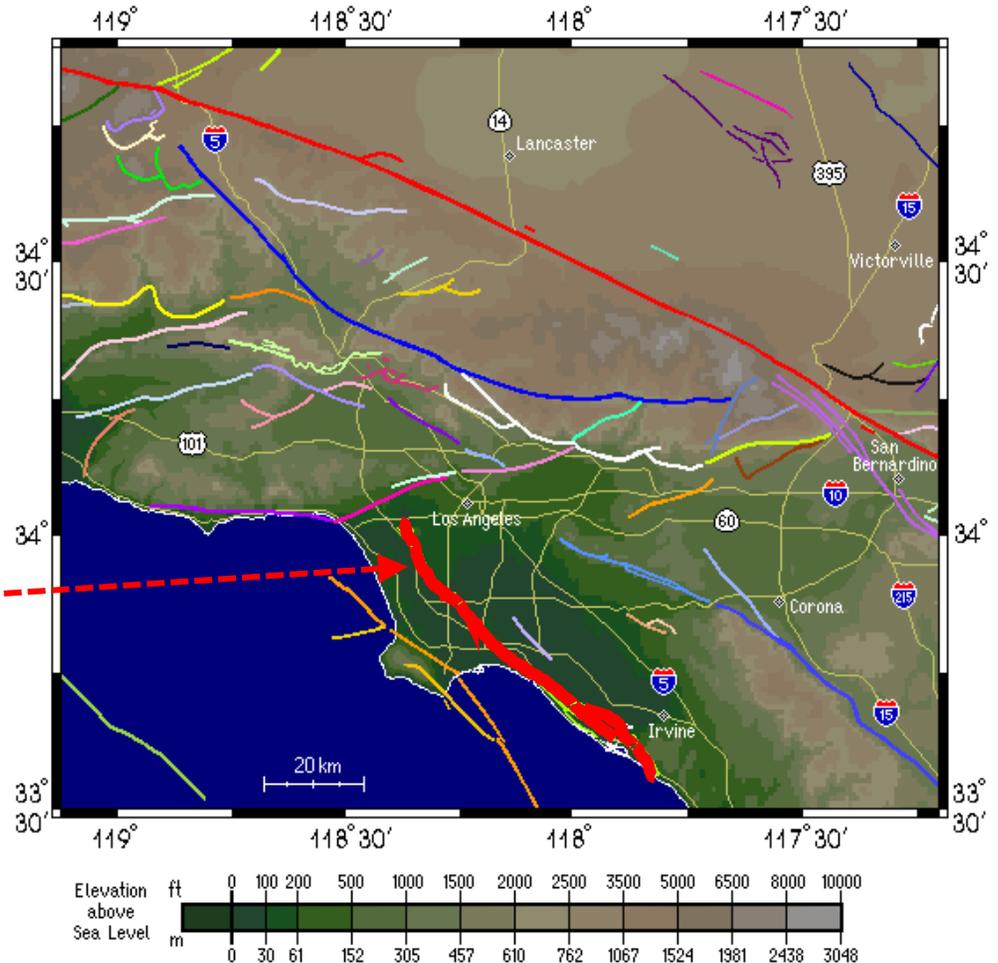
Incident assumed: Magnitude 6.8
earthquake, Newport-Inglewood Fault,
0755 hours (“This is only a test drill”),

Radio modes used: VHF FM voice, Winlink
and NBEMS digital modes

What’s new:

- 1) First DCS wide use of Winlink;
- 2) Use of new NBEMS template for City/Agency Situation Reports to L.A. County EOC;
- 3) Creating ICS-205 Incident Radio Communication plans;
- 4) Expanded simplex communication between DCS Districts in voice and digital modes.

(Exercise described on following pages.)



Before this exercise starts, each District needs to identify its appropriate:

- 1) Member to be District net control operator for FM voice check-ins and/or best-suited to reach other DCS Districts on simplex;
- 2) Members set-up for Winlink;
- 3) Members with NBEMS capability.

0800-0830 Hours: All Members check-in with their District

(DCS standard procedure: Each District reports its member status to EOB within 30 minutes)

- All DCS members check-in with their District net control on District frequencies, report their availability

0830-0900 Hours: All Districts report to EOB and contact other DCS Districts using both Voice and Winlink

- **Voice:**
 1. **Using K6CPT-1 simulcast system:** each District voice net control reports to EOB the number of District members available immediately.
 2. **Using simplex frequencies:** each District voice net control tries contacting as many other DCS Districts as possible.
- **Winlink:**
 1. **Using Telnet or a Winlink gateway:** each District's Winlink net control operator sends a DCS-213 message to Keith Prebble, Staff 12 with the number of District members available immediately. Keith's Winlink address: dcs-s12 . Also cc: to dcs-s11 and dcs-s60.
 2. **Each District creates an ICS-205 Incident Radio Communication Plan** via:
 - a) **Winlink**, in "New Message" click "Select Template", click "Standard Templates", click "ICS USA Forms", click "ICS205" 10-row). Send via Telnet or Winlink gateway to Keith Prebble: dcs-s12.
 - b) **Or, using NBEMS to send during 0930-1000 hours**, an ICS-205 Incident Radio Communication Plan template may be sent to EOB--found in FLMSG within "Form">"ICS">"ICS205".
 3. **Each District should try contacting other Districts using Telnet or a Winlink gateway** (list of known members to be provided).

0900-0930 Hours: Districts report to EOB other Districts they contacted

- Using K6CPT-1 simulcast system Districts report the other Districts they reached via voice
- Using Winlink to dcs-s12 Districts report the DCS Districts reached via Winlink.

0930-1000 Hours: NBEMS capability

- District members use District frequencies to send a **General Message** to their District NBEMS net control operator. (*Establish contact by voice before sending an NBEMS message.*)
- District net controls use **K6CPT-2 simplex on the output** (145.300 MHz, PL 100.0) for sending an **ICS-213 message to EOB on behalf of a served agency or city** (your choice of subject or issue.) If simplex not practical, use K6CPT-2 in repeater mode (advise EOB first.)

1000-1030 Hours: SitRep reporting by Districts

- District NBEMS net control operators should send a **City Situation Report to EOB using the new SitRep NBEMS template** developed by N5DQ, Staff 50 (see below and on next page.)

1030 Hours: End of exercise

How to add the Situation Report template to your NBEMS files...

- Find the NBEMS.files directory on your computer. It should be in your **user name** directory (i.e., Windows/Users/(your **user name**)/NBEMS.files).
- Copy the new **SitRep.html** template into the: .../user name/NBEMS.files/**CUSTOM**/subdirectory.
- Then run FLMSG, in the Forms drop down menu you should pick SitRep in the list.
- Enter your SitRep data in the form and send as NBEMS message.

City / Agency Situation Report

City / Agency: Incident:

From: To:

Date: Time: Report Type: Initial Update

Overall Status: EOC Activated: Yes No

Resource Request:

- Food/Water
- Equipment
- Shelter/Sheltering Needs
- Staffing/Personnel
- Transportation

Message: