

## RED CROSS HAM CLUB MINUTES

Ham ARES Meeting

May 10 2017

1 Review of the Exercise – photos of the tower from Div. Of Forestry, and review of nice letter that Pete Winters sent Gordon Gibby, thanking him for the successful Full Scale Exercise.

### 2. Review of Issues

- Discussion of tunnel vision – envelopes. Tend to skip to the messages and miss the instructions!
- Problems confirming that people were RECEIVING the messages!! Discussion of read receipts in WINLINK.
- While they were trying to get the Tactical messages out, Susan was working on the ICS-213's --- they missed the bulletins (didn't realize they were there in print to be transmitted)!! Paper version doesn't give you the HUMAN INTERACTION that makes you recognize that a message is being given to you to send.
- Would be helpful to have someone there who could represent the AGENCY and give instructions to us. They could flip the lights off, explain the situations. Maybe have the evaluator do this function next year --- this would make them more a part of the situation. Maybe have the evaluator open the packet early and figure out what to do.
- Consider separating the packet and distributing them to the people. (cut apart and hand out tasks)
- Chris – have someone from the organization come to talk to bianca and explain what we need.
- EOC ended up with only 3 people instead of 4.
- Red cross didn't have an evaluator.
- Susan needed help and Jeff was playing role of coach. Playing facilitator.
- Gus has a great announcing voice.
- Noted that very bright move to set up the simplex repeater early.
- Asked to send someone to a remote location: just no people left!!
- Newberry could hear Gus from the EOC!!! Newberry antenna at 15 feet vhf
- But the EOC could not hear Newberry. (Does this mean we need a strong transmitter at newberry, or does it mean that the EOC has extraneous noise, or both?)
- Chris was able to hear newberry at the Red Cross ---could have allowed relay!
- Need to have a requirement to check on other stations every hour.
- Use tactical call signs – identify with full call sign at the last transmission.
- Each center needs to have one winlink address --- not multiple.
- John Troupe got emails out on 40 meters.
- Jeff got a message from Ocala, sent at 9:30 --- received at 11 AM.
- Van packaged up a bunch of messages f
- Discussion of winlink delays. (problems with KX4Z server software, dependent completely on radio delivery outside our area as part of the Exercise....a computer trying to make contacts....
- Vann suggests we practice winlink peer to peer.
- Possibly have a control channel on one of the repeaters to only explain to others what all is going on, next time?

2. Discussion of Record Traffic Everyone now understands that record traffic has to be sent word perfect.
3. More input:
  - Chuck-it toy that John Troupe used to get antennas up high very easily.
  - EOC was completely dependent on the Forestry antenna.
  - The EOC really needs an antenna.
  - Discussion of whether Red cross would be a good site. Red cross building might go down itself. The Carr family home – full concrete – might be a better site.
  - City of Gainesville is interested in having an operator at their EOC --- believe it is the city of gainesville public works – 39<sup>th</sup> avenue near railroad
  - Jeff and Gordon need to go talk to the city.
  - Would have been nice to have a time period chart.
- 4 Discussion of team work. There were some issues at one location.
- 5 Missed copies to the right. (?)
6. discussion of where to put the simplex repeater.
7. Show and tell for the BITX40 transceivers. Not perfect, but low power cheap SSB HF 40 meter transceiver.
8. Discussion of the county EOC grant to get some better radios.
9. . Harbor Freight has good cases for go kits. Ryan had spec'd out a radio power supply headset powered speaker. Discussion of various emergency go-kits that have been developed over the years by other group s--- there aren't any “off the shelf” systems.
  - Pelican – wooden board
  - Discussions: suggest dual band.
  - Battery: 35Ahr.
  - SKB Roto rollingpack
  - Hammocan is only a leixan type radio
  - susan likes yaesu
  - power supply
  - powergate
  - west mount radio
  - FT7900R
  - ask for signalinks
  - ?check larry's suggestion

Future Training Ideas (Vote taken and priorities but the votes & numbers don't seem to match)

#3 HF field setup,, antenna, tuning, operating – practice with the EOC rig.	7
#3 Winlink of HF (winmor)	7
#2 Winlink on VHF (Packet)	9
#1 Easyterm (Chat, Yapp, connecting to nodes)	7
#5 Building session for new sound card interface	4 people
Net control practice	7
More simulated exercise but in group mode	7
follow #3 Portable Power, PowerPoles UPS Battery Chargers	7

Meeting Adjourned.