

# M c A R C S

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, Oct 4th, 2012 ~ 1730  
Minutes

## Introductions and Announcements

Present: KJ6EIF - Steve, W6FQX - John, W6JRC - Jim, WA6JBK - Alan, WB9NJS - Tim, KB6ZST - Carl, KI6MJC - Marcella

### ▪ Events

- 10/18 Shake Out
- 10/20 NARC BBQ, Lake Mendocino
- 10/27 SAR spaghetti feed
- 12/14 Holiday dinner

### ▪ Shake out

- Ideas?
- John – emulate what we might do: local nets, make up scenario for each net, presume local action and reaction (most responses and need will be local)
- Having it too complicated will result in less participation
- Objectives: make aware of exercise - 1) radios on air, 2) tested (equip), 3) participants capable (of proper radio operation and protocol)
- Secondary: shaking reports, scope of contacts
- What would it take to get an operator at the dispatch center? Sheriff training center will be EOC
- Steve hopes to just get people on the air and checked in
- Leave net open for an hour?
- Expects MCOE, EOC, & Sheriff EOC on air
- Test redundant communication
- Promote local nets versus county net?
- John – would still like to incorporate local clinics
- If hospital activated – take check-ins; target group to get on air
- If you are a hospital, your primary need is your facility, not community needs. Best to operate out of firehouse where real community communication might take place
- Dan Rowe (?) – came to SAR meeting; plans on putting ERV on the air for Red Cross – act as an agency or community facility
- By 10:30 convene a county wide net; organize and prioritize traffic
- Activate county-wide; connect after that – can we connect outside of the county
- Emergency check in first, facility check-in, community then general
- What is the role: emergency reporting in lieu of no other communications, then logistics channel (# beds, etc., and finally health and welfare in shelters)

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- Where are we compared to 4 years ago in terms of being prepared?
  - EOC does not direct – they report up – gather information
  - Being prepared where we are to the extent possible is the best we can be.
  - Tim – support facilities who (something – can't read my writing!), to use it.
  - Carl questioned, is there a county-wide (not McARCS) plan to set up communications in the event it is needed? Answer: we have a doc on the web-page that describes same [answer is no, but the county also has a written emergency plan...].
  - To reiterate: net – initiate exercise, local nets, open county wide net, get responses from 1) health facilities/emergency responders, community nets, individuals
  - Jim agreed to take EOC and Net at Sheriff's office; Nick to assist
  - 10:18 event, 10:30 County wide
  - John will work Red Cross connection ERV (emergency response vehicle)
  - 765 repeater in Lake Co. can connect to the Mendo linked system
  - Steve will send invite to Gang of 5 – watch HAMs activate
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- Other
    - Steve admits he cannot get enough interest for presenters at meetings
    - Net Community Calls – nothing from Potter Valley in a while – drop from list
    - Carl has an empty vault on Cow Mt. that looks over both Lake and Mendo counties. Was a received for TIA (?). We are welcome to have at it if we do all the work and whatever it is it must be well filtered, and provide a work party to maintain the building. (all agreed to this!)

Next meeting: 11/1/12 Sheriff's Office training center

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