

## Minutes from the McARCS meeting April 2, 2008

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Meeting began after introductions at 11:35. Frank McGarvey facilitating

### Outreach and Recruitment

Frank- June HAM Camp already has a couple of signups. Signup with Annie John- Gathering a small group in Hopland. K6ZIZ ,(Chuck) and WA6PSP Robin Lassen. Robin is with the Hopland Vol. FD and will participate in the regular Hopland Fire net.

Ken-KE6WC-Contacted at least one operator in Little River who may try to reach county-wide net.

Tim- Larry KI6LUU @ Howard Hospital is trying to schedule a training session on the hospital equipment. Two others from Willits have indicated some interest in upcoming class. Change in leadership at Little Lake FD may yield more interest in HAM communications. (Chief Shane Burke and Captain John Thomen, SAR Dive Team) Jim-Covelo, not Potter Valley FD may be purchasing radios, (via SAR) that can be programmed with HAM frequencies

Questions about Potter Valley Community walk. Marcella was interested in trying to get HAM communication at the event. She is absent today but intends to make contacts in PV. Intention is to draw in PV HAMs., several in SAR

### Activation Phone Tree

Bill Woodworth sent out a DIALOGIC list for HAM contacts. John has two in Brooktrails to contact. Bill mostly interested in confirming names and numbers he has, not adding lots of new ones. The HAM contacts would be responsible for activating the HAM phone tree if called. The current DIALOGIC list follows:

Northcoast: Janie Tate, KI6CHA  
Willits: Len Gwinn, WA6KLLK  
Ukiah: Jim Cline, W6JRC  
Frank McGarvey W6UME  
Marcella Chandler KI6MJC

Added: South Coast, Ken Reynoldson, KE6WC.

### Drills and Exercises

#### Inland Medical Drill 5/14/2008

Suzy stated she would be on vacation until day of drill and said she would be better able to participate if it was moved to Friday 5/16. How did everyone feel about that? Discussion followed. Previous minutes were reviewed-noted to be good minutes-It was decided to leave it on 5/14 since some work had been done and it was Annie's project and she was absent.

Discussion followed regarding coast hospital's status. Speculation that it may be difficult to hit the County repeater from that low spot. Tim stated if the equipment is the same as inland, he has software and programming to load in to access most repeaters. Ken KE6WC will talk with Alex re So Coast equipment.

**ICS applied to May 14 2008 exercise:**

Date: May 14, 2008 Mid-day (12noon-1)

Scenario Goals:

- Test communications between Inland health care facilities
- Practice before HAMs participate in Multi-County Exercise
- Develop local group of HAMs who can access and use their local health facility's equipment during an emergency

Incident Commander: Annie; Alternate: Marcella

Planning Chief: Marcella; Alternate: Cynthia

Logistics Chief: Suzy; Alternate: John (Willits) & Tim (Ukiah)

Operations Chief: Jim.(was Sam) Alternate: Frank

Admin/Finance Chief: ? (was Jim) Alternate: Annie

Minimum participants include:

- EMS - Public Health (Ukiah)
- Ukiah Valley Medical Center
- Laws Avenue Clinic (Hillside – Ukiah)
- Howard Memorial Hospital (Willits)
- Little Lake Clinic (Willits)

Additional desirable participants:

- Coast District Hospital (Ft Bragg)
- Redwood Coast Clinics (Gualala and Pt Arena)

Include in August all county drill:

- Potter Valley Community Health Clinic
- Round Valley Indian Clinic
- Long Valley Health Clinic
- Antelope Valley Health Clinic (Booneville)
- Consolidated Tribal Health (Ukiah)

Suggested ICS activities:

- Clarify purpose and goals of May 28<sup>th</sup> event:
  1. *To assure communication link between hospitals and clinics with installed radio equipment*
  2. *For community HAMS involved in emergency communications to become familiar with location and use of clinic and hospital equipment*
  3. *To effectively transmit meaningful traffic between medical facilities*
  4. *To assure reliable radio connectivity between Lake and Mendocino counties.*

5. *To build relationships with Lake County HAMS involved in emergency communications*

- Develop scenario to possibly email on 5/14 (*see attached, thanks to Cynthia*)
- Strict instructions to announce **THIS IS A DRILL frequently and at appropriate times**
- Activities of HAMS to include: Communicating status reports; Requesting assistance; practicing medically oriented communication; sending and receiving messages at each site; specify format of messages (RIMS?, plain text?)
- Pre-event contacts with facilities to gain access to equipment to determine functionality, determine protocol for access the day of the event and acquaint site staff with potential operators
- Determine extent of involvement with site staff during drill

**Field Day, June 28/29 2008**

Will the group engage in this event?

WARS is interested in participating and will be happy to provide club call sign, equipment etc.

Discussions regarding last year's site at Low Gap Park

Good aspects: Public exposure, room for RV's, room to operate and locate antennas, good shade

Not-so-good aspects: Kind of in-a-hole for radio, a little out-of-the-way

Planning group formed to investigate sites: Frank, Tim, Jim, ?Ken, Marcella and Annie  
Field Day Goals: Public Exposure, Experience, FUN!! (Eat, Drink and Operate or was it Eat, Operate then Drink???)

**Miscellaneous Announcement:**

Annual Emergency Conference in Reno May 2-4 at Circus-Circus in Reno

Good seminars, swap meet, BBQ, Banquet inexpensive registration. Declared by Ken a "valuable educational experience".

**Meeting adjourned 12:55pm**