

RACES April 3, 2013 @ 0800 hours

FINAL Meeting Notes @ PECOC Building, 3434 E 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85713

Attendance: S.Boone-KG7ADX,F.Brady-N0KWP, T.Brown-KF7SYU, J.Christian-KE7VJW, R.Comins-W1GFH, D.Donnelly-KD7VDA, L. Donnelly-KF7CNR, J.Hand-OEM, M.Long-KA7WLG, T.Long-N7HOR, C.Prather-OEM, L.Romero-OEM, J.Salcidio-TONOEMHS, C.Sternberg-KF7GPK, H.Zappia-N7HND

Review & Approval of March 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes: J.Hand called the meeting to order and asked for a motion on the approval of the minutes. T.Long asked if previous minutes could be converted from Word to Adobe PDF. L.Romero stated she will put all minutes in Adobe format.

Old Business:

J.Salcido opened the meeting and asked if someone from the Radio Group could do a presentation on HAM Radios to his upcoming CERT Symposium on June 6 at the Desert Diamond Casino. J.Salcido stated it will be taught in 4 one hour sessions to discuss to the attendees on how to use the radio and how one can become licensed. D.Donnelly stated he already has a HAM Radio power point he can use and will need to customize it down to one hour. D.Donnelly stated he would bring his presentation to the Radio Group to get suggestions on how to cut it down to one hour.

J.Hand stated to the committee that OEM will begin drafting all required Pima County volunteer forms, and will ask that all volunteers for Pima County Radio Group are registered with Pima County Health Dept. state volunteer website (AZ-ESAR-VHP).). J.Hand stated this corrective action is required to ensure that OEM has accountability for all their volunteers.

Team Leader Reports:

Home Unit/HF Antenna-B.Hickey stated he completed the "sag" test for the HF Antenna by using a polyester cord and stated the test went well and it may need additional support but won't know until the antenna is up. B.Hickey stated he is concerned about chaffing and interference with the lightning rods. B.Hickey asked how they should announce themselves over the air now that the group name has changed. B.Hickey stated it is currently announced Southern Region RACES and under the direction of PCOEMHS. J.Hand stated it can still be called Southern Region RACES and suggested changing under the direction to "Pima County Office of Emergency Management Radio Group" instead of PCOEMHS. B.Hickey and J.Hand stated they would speak to each other outside the meeting to discuss the announcing of the name.

Hospital-M.Long stated last month they exercised from UMC South where the new antenna is set up and has the new Kenwood D710A T.Long operated the Net control from that hospital and reported that Northwest Hospital was using the old radios and had issues with the volume control. T.Long stated once that was addressed all traffic went through well. T.Long stated that one of the home units had some equipment issues but they are currently working on resolving those issues. The exercise was successful and all messages were received using RMS Express.

T.Long stated the members list is almost complete and will email two files to L.Romero that will be in a PDF spreadsheet and the other file will have training, registration documents. J.Hand stated that OEM is requiring that all members have ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 and will not be re-badged until those training requirements are met and members have a deadline of July 15, 2013 to have all training certificates/transcripts turned in to L.Romero. J.Hand stated that OEM only has a hand full of RACES member transcripts and apologized that members have to resubmit them but assured the committee that OEM will take full responsibility on documenting all training and no member will be badged until

the ICS training requirement has been verified by OEM. T.Long stated he will post the deadline date on the website.

T.Long stated the master image for the computer is completed and ready to be copied to the hospital computers. T.Long stated the TOAD computer has state software that cannot be duplicated to other computers and J.Hand stated he will contact them directly.

J.Hand stated he is still working on procuring coax cables for the new radio room.

J.Hand stated he will try and go to the old EOC and see what still needs to be moved and T.Long stated he would like some additional black chairs and 2 folding tables for the new radio room and J.Hand stated he would see what furniture is still available and procure any items he can. J.Hand stated he would like everything out by April 12.

J.Hand stated there will be TOAD training on 04/20/2013 at the PECOC building and asked the committee if the third Saturday still a good time to hold it in lieu of the Hospital exercise being held on that same day and the committee stated it shouldn't cause any issues. L.Romero stated the conference room will be reserved for the training and J.Hand discussed the alarm system and how to disarm it when enter the building on the weekends.

New Business:

M.Long asked if there is any new information on the Radio Group participation in the upcoming Statewide Exercise and L.Romero stated OEM has their first planning meeting with the state and more information will be forthcoming.

TOAD/Warrior Requests-J.Hand stated he has two requests for the TOAD with the first date being on April 27 for the Arizona Trail Association event and asked if any of the members had information on this event. T.Brown stated he would get more information in regards to the request and thinks it's a good idea to have the TOAD there for publicity exposure. J.Hand asked how to proceed on assigning someone to deploy the TOAD to this event and T.Long asked to get more information and will work with J.Hand on assigning someone. The second TOAD request is for the upcoming CARA Hamfest and T.Long stated this event will be held in Sierra Vista and stated this is a valid request for deployment of the TOAD. J.Hand asked how many TOAD operators there are and if they have taken the required defensive driving course required from Pima County. T.Long stated that all TOAD operators have this required course along with the Van training course. T.Long stated he will coordinate scheduling volunteers for the upcoming events.

L.Romero stated she will contact Risk Management and scheduling training for the defensive driving course.

Meeting Adjourned at 1119 hours