

RACES May 02, 2013 @ 1700 hours

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

**Attendance:**F.Brady-N0KWP, T.Brown-KF7SYU, J.Christian-KE7VJW, D.Donnely-KD7VDA, L. Donnelly-KF7CNR, J.Hand-OEM, M.Long-KA7WLG, T.Long-N7HOR,L.Romero-OEM, V.Thompson-KE7OLI, H.Zappia-N7HMD, P.Kortesis-W7PEK, B.Adams-KKC722, G.Keck-KE7DX, J.Behrens-K7JWB, Kf7MZY, M.Ellis-KC7CJR, D.Cox-KGQZL, C.Fisher-KG7ADW, D.Fisher-KG7ADV, J.Cooper-AD7KT, J.Johnsen-KD7JC3. M.Stafford-KB7GNX, KZVNT, B.Oconner-KC5DWB, KA7FNQ, W.Stanger, D.Gross-AD7NM, R.Gross AD7FV, G.Peters.

### **New Business:**

J.Hand opened the meeting by reading Mike Hein (PCOEMHS Director) memo to the RACES members as previously distributed to the group in January. J.Hand stated that OEM will take a more active role with respect to RACES to help the group focus on preparedness for events that may require the involvement of its members. J.Hand stated he will be the only point of contact with RACES and Lisa Romero is to provide administrative support that will entail preparing and distributing OEM/RACES meeting minutes, maintain membership documentation, keep track of members' training records, etc,

J.Hand stated he saw some corrective actions that needed to be taken and specified the following:

1. Rebrand OEM/RACES amateur volunteer program to a generic name.
2. Open up OEM/RACES amateur radio volunteers program to everyone regards of their affiliation in an effort to create a broader, deeper, and more participatory core of volunteers who would be able to contribute on any level.
3. Restructure the leadership so no one area of expertise would dominate. This restructuring would be done by establishing several teams (ie.Training, Technical, Hospital, Mobile Platform, Membership, Recruiting) and will allow the volunteer to specify which teams they would like to trained and be a part of and could even seek to be team leaders.
4. Have one volunteer meeting a month to allow volunteers not able to attend Wednesday morning meeting a chance of attending.

J.Hand stated that he contacted Pima County legal department and found out they were unable to find any prior or existing formal agreement (MOU) between OEM and RACES or OEM predecessors. J.Hand also stated that OEM has no documentation on any of the RACES volunteers that validates they have completed the required ICS training classes (ie 100, 200, 700, 800), and have signed all required Pima County volunteer forms. J.Hand stated this corrective action is required to ensure that OEM has accountability for all their volunteers.J.Hand stated that existing members have until July 15, 2013 to comply. T.Long stated to the committee he is in the process of compiling all RACES volunteers' documentation and agreed to email the volunteer list and their documentations to L.Romero by May 15, 2013.

J.Hand stated to the group that there has been a lot of discussion between OEM and RACES on how to proceed and at the last meeting T.Brown stated to the group that there are three options the group can consider.

1. RACES can seek to become a legal entity at their own expense and enter an agreement with OEM to preserve its RACES designation and commits its members to volunteer services on behalf of OEM.
2. RACES can agree that is a volunteer responsive agency and enter an agreement (MOU) with OEM.
3. RACES can dishpan and radio volunteers can register directly under OEM Radio Volunteer program if they wish to continue with OEM.

The discussion was then opened to the members for comments and several members stated they would like to remain as RACES volunteers and have a legal agreement with OEM. Members also stated they will abide in completing the required ICS courses, volunteer forms, and register with Pima County Health Dept. state volunteer website (AZ-ESAR-VHP).The volunteers also stated they like the team concept idea and having team

leaders assigned to each one. Volunteers can email their ICS certificates to Lisa Romero at [Lisa.Romero@pima.gov](mailto:Lisa.Romero@pima.gov).

J.Hand was asked if he could compile a list of objectives and present it to the group via writing, email or at the next meeting. J.Hand stated he would get this completed within the next 30 days. J.Hand announced that the next meeting will be Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm.**