ICS 201 EXERCISE BRIEFING

This exercise is planned to be a fun **simulation** of what we can do to assist agencies during a simulated storm that begins as rain and develops into a simulated major flood situation.

The simulated flood will create the need for simulated evacuation centers.

Radio operators will be needed for communication to and from the simulated evacuation centers.

Simulated Evacuation Centers

The Hospital Team and possibly others will be assigned to the simulated evacuation centers.
(the number of simulated evacuation centers and who is assigned to them as well as the tactical call signs will be determined by the number of those checking into the exercise).

Examples of communications to and from these simulated evacuation centers could be:

Reports of how many people are in the center.
Requests for supplies or services.
Center demobilization.
Other communications as may come to light.

Operators assigned to the simulated evacuation centers would handle the above suggested requests or reports and pass them to the simulated evacuation centers Net Control Operator, Walt Brophy, (AL7KE), **tactical call** "Evac Centers Net Control" who will relay them to the ESF #2 operator,Greg Peters, (W9GRG), **tactical call** "ESF 2" who in turn relays them to the Simulated EOC officer, Jim Fisher, (K7ADW), **tactical call** "EOC". If approved, the messages are then sent back through the ESF #2 operator and to the addressee of the request or report.

All radio traffic into and out of the simulated evacuation centers will be through and directed by the Net Control Operator assigned to Evac Centers Net Control.

Community Status Reports. (CSR'S)

There would be a need to collect Community Status Reports to help keep responding agencies informed of situations in the various communities.

CSR's will start with the conditions before the storm.

Then again as the simulated flooding is taking place.

And eventually,

A third CSR will be requested indicating conditions after we have recovered from the simulated storm and flooding.

Community Status Reports (CSR's) will begin with the Home Stations Unit early checkin VHF net and during the discussion stage of the normal Saturday morning HF net.

The CSR's relating to the simulated flood may be sent after the Saturday morning HF net has closed. If the band is still open locally then stay on that frequency. If not, pass them on the 146.88 repeater.

Mike Boger, **tactical call** "base" will be staffing the Radio Room to take the community status reports.

EOC operations

There will be a radio operator assigned as an EOC officer, and another assigned to the ESF #2 position within the EOC.

The person assigned as the simulated EOC officer will handle all traffic within the simulated EOC. Generating and receiving requests for information and possibly issuing orders as if they were coming from various ESF positions within the EOC.

The radio operator assigned to the ESF #2 position will handle all radio traffic into and out of the simulated EOC. This Radio operator will determine to whom the traffic from the EOC should be directed.

Logistics Section
Support Branch
Supply Unit

There will be a radio operator, Scott Boone (K7ADX), **tactical call** "Supply", assigned as the Supply Unit Leader. (SPUL)

All requests for supplies will be placed on an ICS 213 either on Fldigi or voice and directed through the EOC, to the Supply Unit Leader.

The Supply Unit Leader will review all requests for accuracy and completeness. If further information is needed to reasonably fill the supply request, the Supply Unit Leader will return the request for additional information.

Logistics Section
Service Branch
Communications Unit

There will be a radio operator, George James (KD7XP) **tactical call** "communications", assigned as the Communications Unit Leader. (COML).

The COML will supply an exercise ICS 205 Communications Plan.

The COML will serve as primary radio operator in the communications center monitoring all radio traffic.

The COML may direct, redirect or relay radio traffic as may be required.

The COML requests that appropriate records be kept on ICS 214 unit activity log, form 309 communications log, CSR'S and ICS 213 general messages that may have been generated as part of the exercise.

Radio traffic

We will be using the Fldigi/Flmsg suite and voice on various repeaters with some simplex frequencies.

The plan is to avoid the internet and cell phones at all costs.
They are presumed to be some of the first things to fail for one reason or another during real world major events.

When delivering CSR's or any other traffic by voice, please speak clearly and at a **slow**   writing   speed.

When delivering CSR's or any other traffic by Fldigi/Flmsg please keep in mind that digital traffic is **NOT** allowed on the voice section of the 75/80 meter band.

All Fldigi/Flmsg traffic will be handled on VHF or UHF as indicated on the ICS 205 communications plan.

An important Note: We all may hear or see the communication being sent or relayed. However it is important to remember to respond **only** to the traffic that is directed to you by name, call sign or tactical call sign.

IMPORTANT

The most important things to remember are:

1. ALWAYS begin EVERY communication with,
EXERCISE, EXERCISE,   THIS IS ONLY AN EXERCISE.

2. Be creative, reasonably realistic and as though we were doing a real world thing.

3. If a real world event should present itself. State the following.
REAL WORLD,   REAL WORLD,   REAL WORLD

PLEASE CLEAR THE CHANNEL FOR A REAL WORLD EMERGENCY.

4. Remember, You must identify with your assigned call sign according to the FCC rules.

Summary

The Idea is to have some fun,

Break some of the COVID boredom,

While attempting to simulate a service that we could be called upon to provide if it were a real world situation.

Note: Please direct any questions or concerns to, kd7xp@earthlink.net