

OEM Radio Group April 17, 2013 @ 0800 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.LePree-K7PKG,M.Long-KA7WLG, T.Long-N7HOR, C.Prather-OEM, L.Romero-OEM, V.Thompson-KE7OLI

Review & Approval of April 7 2013 Meeting Minutes: J.Hand called the meeting to order and stated the minutes will be reviewed and approved at next meeting.

Old Business:

TOAD training is scheduled for April 20, 2013 at 9:00 am at the PECOC building and T.Long stated the information is on the RACES website for members to register for the class. J.Hand stated there are about 10 people registered for the class. J.Hand also stated that the TOAD is currently being repaired and may not be available for Saturday.

T.Long asked about the Pima County defensive driving course for newly trained members for the TOAD and L.Romero stated she will work with J.Hand after the training class is completed and assign log in id's for those needing the course.

T.Long stated he is still working on completing the membership list and the list is about 95% done.

J.Hand stated there are file cabinets still in the old Radio room and T.Long stated he would like those to be moved to the new room. T.Long stated there are also a couple of banker boxes that also need to be moved.

T.Long stated he spoke with B.Hickey in regards to the EAS and recommended a FM antenna to pick up the radio stations and a small coax (75ohm). T.Long stated the EAS should stay at the old EOC until the equipment needed is up and running at the PECOC.

F.Brady stated J.Wisner from OEM requested that the APS radio be installed in the Radio room for communication to Phoenix and F.Brady stated it is now up and running. F.Brady stated he also inventoried all of the VH and 800 mhz radio. F.Brady stated the radio room is temporarily housing a box of radios that belong to F.Duarte (OEM/Sheriff) IMT team and stated he created a 205 form and the radios are not to be removed or used by the group.

J.Hand asked the committee what additional furniture they would like to have and stated the long tables that were at the BofA building have been procured and won't be available to the group but he found another folding table he could probably bring over. J.Hand stated he would get some additional chairs from the old EOC as well. T.Long asked if the white board in the old radio room could also be moved as well.

J.Hand discussed the TOAD requests for the upcoming trail run and T.Brown stated that G.Peterson will be picking up the TOAD and will be taking it out to the event. J.Hand stated the TOAD will also be deployed to the upcoming HAM Fest.

Team Leader Reports:

Home Unit/HF Antenna-B.Hickey was absent.

Hospital-M.Long stated she conferenced called into the MMRS meeting on Monday and the hospitals are moving ahead with their plans to participate in the upcoming Statewide Exercise in November. M.Long stated that UMC will have their additional Kenwood D710A and power supply with interface cable up by May. M.Long stated that Carondelet hospital has one radio and hasn't expressed going to digital communications. M.Long stated that TMC, Oro Valley, Kino, and UMC are all on the same equipment.

Training-T.Brown stated he will be teaching with C.Michels this Saturday from 9-11:30am for the TOAD/Warrior training.

New Business:

J.Hand stated that he checked with Pima County legal department and found out they were unable to find a prior or existing formal MOU between OEM and RACES or OEM predecessors.

Discussion was then brought up on how RACES can become a legal separate entity and have a MOU agreement with OEM. T.Brown stated to the group that there are three options the group can move forward on.

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 disband and radio volunteers can register directly under OEM Radio Volunteer program if they wish to continue with OEM.

D.Donnely stated to the committee that he would like to make a motion that RACES forms its own corporation with the understanding that the group enters into an agreement with OEM. T.Long stated the group will have to look at the liability issues that involve the group being its own corporation. T.Long asked what PCOEMHS requirements/documentations will be and J.Hand stated he is still working on that list and the group agreed to wait until that is completed before making any final decisions.

J.Hand suggested to the committee of having a Mobile Platform team that would take the lead of deploying the TOAD to events and also be responsible for staffing it. J.Hand asked the committee to consider it and will be brought back up for discussion.

J.Hand stated to the committee that he would like to have an evening or Saturday morning committee meeting to allow other members of RACES to attend. The committee suggested having a Thursday evening meeting to begin at 7:00 pm on May 2nd and another meeting to be held on Saturday, May 11th at 0800. The committee will then decide which day worked best for other members to attend. D.Donnely made a motion to approve and was seconded by M.Long. Motion passed and opposed by T.Brown for a Saturday meeting.

V.Thompson announced that Citizen Corp is having neighborhood watch training at Fire Central on June 3 & 4 and if anyone is interested in attending to register at USAonwatch.org and go to the training tab.

Meeting Adjourned at 1119 hours