

## RACES Notes for 03/11/2009

### News and Announcements

#### 1) Upcoming Events:

- 3/14 - Scottsdale Hamfest
- 4/25-26 - La Vuelta de Bisbee
- 5/21 - Ft Huachuca Safety day

**2) RACES Manual App 12 – Computer Operations** - I am in the process of reviewing and updating this appendix. I am holding off on the MCU computer operations class until this is done.

**Training Note:** On our last net I discussed a meeting of the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCAC) & Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) hosted by the AZ Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) that I attended in Phoenix. I also introduced a few new acronyms. Tonight I want to identify some of the initiatives and supporting objectives of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) that were discussed.

- Conduct annual SCIP review to update the plan
- Develop a long-term funding strategy and obtain legislative support for interoperability.
- Develop Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP) templates and Communications Asset Survey & Mapping (CASM) software. TICPs address:
  - Radio cache activation, inventory control, de-activation, and conflict resolution
  - Shared channel activation and de-activation
  - Gateway activation, coordination, and de-activation
  - Shared system talk group prioritization
- Continue to deploy the Arizona Interoperability Radio Systems (AIRS)
  - Continue upgrading microwave infrastructure support system
    - Southern Loop (in progress)
    - Western Loop (not started)
    - Northern loop (not started)
  - Develop and implement AIRS training
- Develop plan for statewide data interoperability
- Standardize and publish SOPS for statewide interoperable communications including standards and guidelines.
- Develop a statewide communications training and exercise plan.
- Develop an interstate communications plan
- Develop and implement Communications Training & Exercise Plan
- Implement a Statewide Strategic Technology Reserve

- Includes assets such as Bullfrog, Toads, Horned Toad, etc.
- Develop an interoperable communications strategy with Mexico
- Develop and offer Communications Unit Leader (COML) and Communications Team (COMT) training programs.

The primary reason I am bringing this information to the net is that some of these initiatives are likely to impact how we support our various customers. For example, as various Standard Operating Procedures are developed at the state level, they will be pushed down and influence local operations. Knowing and understanding these procedures will help us be more proficient and efficient as we continue to work with other agencies. As these various initiatives are implemented and adopted I will continue to share this information with you and integrate the information into our own training and local SOPs. We can also anticipate being included in more regional and statewide communications exercises in the future.

I would encourage you to look at the SAFECOM website as there is a lot of good information there. The website again is:

<http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/>

That's it for tonight, let's go down for comments.

*Bob*

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Thought for the day.

*"If you wait to do everything until you're sure it's right, you'll probably never do much of anything."*

*Win Borden*