

Net Notes for May 12, 2010

News and Announcements

1) Upcoming Events

6/15 AF JROTC Event

7/4 Bisbee Coaster Race

7/16-17 Williams Hamfest

2) Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps – We have been asked to support an evening of training at the JROTC Training Camp in Garden Canyon. We will be deploying the MCU and setting up some displays showing different aspects of amateur radio. Please contact Dale (NJ7C) if you have an idea for a display or want to assist this event.

3) Bisbee Coaster Race - Just a reminder to put this down on your calendar. It is on a Sunday morning this year. Please sign up with RB Rice or myself.

4) MCU Update – This past week we made a couple minor changes to the MCU.

a) We fixed a programming problem we had with the Tait Public Service Band radio, the one on the countertop.

b) We also added an external speaker to the Tait and mounted the speaker on the wall. It makes a significant improvement in audio quality and volume.

c) A chain has been added across the back door opening. It is a reminder that for safety reasons we normally do NOT use the back door as an entrance or exit. The chain should also be strong enough to catch anyone who might accidentally start to roll out the back door.

Training — Incident Action Plans – Tonight I would like to spend a few minutes going over Incident Action Plans. For those with military backgrounds, you could compare it to an Operations Plan or OPlan.

An incident action plan (IAP) formally documents incident goals (known as control objectives in National Incident Management System (NIMS)), operational period objectives, and the response strategy defined by incident command during response planning. It contains general tactics to achieve goals and objectives within the overall strategy, while providing important information on event and response parameters. Equally important, the IAP facilitates dissemination of critical information about the status of response assets themselves. Because incident parameters evolve, action plans must be revised on a regular basis (at least once per operational period) to maintain consistent, up-to-date guidance across the system.

The following items are usually found in an IAP:

- Incident goals (where the response system wants to be at the end of response)
- Operational period objectives (major areas that must be addressed in the specified operational period to achieve the goals or control objectives) (ICS 202)

- Response strategies (priorities and the general approach to accomplish the objectives)
- Response tactics (methods developed by Operations to achieve the objectives)
- Organization list with ICS chart showing primary roles and relationships (ICS 207)
- Assignment list with specific tasks (ICS 204)
- Critical situation updates and assessments
- Composite resource status updates
- Health and safety plan (to prevent responder injury or illness)(, ICS 305)
- Communications plan (how functional areas can exchange information) (ICS 309)
- Logistics plan (e.g., procedures to support Operations with equipment, supplies, etc.)
- Responder medical plan (providing direction for care to responders) (ICS 206)
- Incident map (i.e., map of incident scene)
- Additional component plans, as indicated by the incident.

IAP's are also a good idea when working with pre-planned events such as Christmas parades, bike races, coaster races, etc. I will start developing IAP's for future events that we typically support. That way we start getting used to them and it will become easier to put one together for unplanned events.

Tonight we will just cover the ICS Form 202 – Incident Objectives. This form was sent to you by email in advance. I hope you printed a copy so you can refer to it as we discuss it.

It is relatively simple containing the following primary data elements:

Task #

Time & Date Prepared

Task Name

Approved by: (Incident Commander)

Prepared by (usually someone in the planning section)

A prioritized list of the overall objectives

A check list of resources

Tactics to be used for the incident

And a list of the primary attachments

207 –Org Chart

205 – Comm Plan

206 – Medical Plan

215 – Operations Plan

I will attach a list of various ICS forms this evening that identifies many of the forms we might need and what part of the response they correspond to. Over the next few sessions we will discuss these forms and provide copies. We will also make them available on the CARA website for download.

<http://www.k7rdg.org/ICSforms/>

Although we have a printed copy in a notebook in the MCU, you may want to make your own notebook of these forms. If you need copies on a mission, you may copy them from the book or print them off either computer.

That's it for tonight's training. If you have any questions, please ask them during comments.

Don't forget our next Net will be on May 12 at 2000 Hrs. Don't forget the CARA net on Thursday evenings at 1900 hours on the 146.76 repeater. This is NJ7C and the net is closed.