

Net Notes for June 23, 2010

News and Announcements

1) Upcoming Events

7/4	Bisbee Coaster Race
7/14	Next RACES Net
7/16-17	Williams Hamfest

2) Bisbee Coaster Race - Please sign up with RB Rice or myself. We still have approximately five (5) assignments to fill. Will discuss that in a little more detail during training.

3) Bee Activity – At the Fire Chief's Meeting today it was mentioned that bee behavior is atypical to previous years. It was mentioned that there have been several bee attacks this year with little or no warning. The Bisbee Killer Bee expert Mr. Reed Booth has noticed this and advised the fire departments to be extra cautious when dealing with the swarms. If you suspect you have bees swarming or "hiving up" on your property, call for professional assistance to have them removed.

Training — Incident Action Plans – On our last couple nets we briefly discussed Incident Action Plans or IAPs. As short recap, the Incident Action Plan (IAP) formally documents incident goals (known as control objectives in the National Incident Management System (NIMS)), operational period objectives, and the response strategy defined by incident command during response planning. Tonight I have prepared an ICS 202, IAP, the ICS 205 Comm Plan and Safety Briefing for the Coaster Race. It is scheduled to take place Sunday, July 4th. I sent out an Incident Action Plan form, Safety Briefing, and Comm Plan (ICS 205) before the net for you to look at and ask questions. As you read the Comm Plan, please note that we are using 146.56 simplex frequency this year. Several folks were concerned that we should avoid using the national simplex calling channel of 146.52 for operational traffic. Please ensure you have 146.56 programmed into your radio. We have been issued flags in the last couple of years to assist in traffic control. I am not sure if that will happen this year again or not. I also recommend that you bring a whistle to get people attention. Sometimes they just don't hear you trying to get their attention until you blow the whistle. If you have a RACES Shirt or Vest, please wear it. If you don't try to get one of the bright green or orange bicycle safety vests to wear. Don't forget your ID Card. All volunteers should be at their assigned location by 0730. We arrive a little early to ensure you can find a parking spot as parking in Tombstone Canyon is sometimes a challenge. I am also working on updating the map sheet with the assignments. These should be updated and sent out a couple days in advance of the race. I'd like to go over the Safety Briefing now. Hopefully you have it available to you as it was sent out before the net.

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 July 14 at 2000 Hrs. Don't forget the CARA net on Thursday evenings at 1900 hours on the 146.76 repeater. This is N7INK and the net is closed.

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