

RACE S Notes for 06/25/2008

News and Announcements

1) Upcoming Events:

7/4 – Bisbee Coaster Race
7/18 -19 - Williams Hamfest
8/30-31 9/1 - Paradise
9/12-14 – Southwest Convention, Mesa

2) Annual Pager Dues – Just reminder that if you have not paid your annual pager subscription, it is due. I still have a couple pagers that are available for anyone who would like to be on-call for callouts. Thanks to those of you who have already paid. I appreciate it.

3) Bisbee Coaster Race – Please remember to wear your bright safety vest or RACE S shirt, RACE S hat and ID card. Our job is to assist in providing course security and notify the race organizers of potential dangerous conditions on the track. Please come by the Start line, just under the Hwy 80 overpass at the top of Tombstone Canyon about 7:30. We will have flags to hand out to you. They will also need to be handed in at the end of the race. Final assignments will be made based on those who show up. The key assignments get filled first and then we backfill. The first racer usually gets on the course between 8:00 and 8:15 in the morning and we are generally over by 10:00. This allows plenty of time to go to the Warren District and watch one of the oldest, continuously occurring, Fourth of July Parades in Arizona.

4) MCU Update – The new printer has been installed to replace the old one. Two new laptops are also now in place and the old ones are gone. The problem with the camera was determined to be the power cube feeding 24V AC to the mast. A new power cube has been placed on order for the Camera.

5) Paradise – Just a reminder that Paradise is only a couple months away. I have submitted the special event announcement to the ARRL.

6) Go-Kit Reminder - Just a reminder tonight to double check your go-bags. Have you changed out or replaced any of your meds in your kit? How about any of your 24 or 72 hour food supplies or water? Are they fresh? In this recent spate of hot weather, things can get pretty stale or old. Flashlight, handie-talkie, or GPS batteries can also be affected if they are left in your vehicle and exposed to high heat for extended periods.

Training: For tonight I would to conduct a refresher on those tasks that must be performed during a callout. The RACE S Team Leader has a number of responsibilities and will frequently assign team members to perform various tasks.

First responsibility is to provide for the safety and welfare of assigned personnel during the entire mission.

Second responsibility is to obtain complete mission information from dispatch or the lead deputy:

Incident Name

- Reporting Location
- Reporting Time
- Travel routes
- Provide contact procedures during travel to and from mission
- Current situation
- Incident Commander name, location and contact information
- Current resource commitments
- Expected duration of assignment
- Determine if a second or third operational period is anticipated and start identifying resources to cover that contingency.

Responsibilities at the Incident Scene:

Upon arrival at the incident scene and check in. Ensure you are properly equipped.

- Obtain briefing from supervisor.

- Attend and participate in initial and subsequent team leader meetings.

- Provide appraisal of your current communications capabilities.

- Organize the work area with appropriate seating and work tables.

- Organize and Supervise the Comm. Unit.

- Brief team members

- Make duty assignments

- Provide mentoring as needed to team members

- Assist in development of Communications Plan, ICS Form 205

- Establish incident communications center and message center.

- Message operations of the IC Comm Center

- Document radio/telephone activities on appropriate forms (ICS Form 309).

- Direct radio/telephone traffic to proper destinations.

- Establish emergency notification procedures

- Identify system problems and determine appropriate solutions

- Establish message routing procedures

- Initiate and maintain accurate records of all communications equipment.

- Perform periodic operational tests of comm. systems throughout the duration of the incident.

- Maintain ICS Form 214 (Unit Log)

- Evaluate performance of team and team members

Demobilization

- Develop unit demobilization plan for release of equipment and personnel assigned to communications.

- Recover and account for all assigned communications equipment.

- Receive demobilization instructions from supervisor

- If required, ensure that ICS Form 221 (Demobilization Checkout) is completed and turned in.

As you can see by this list, there are a lot of things that need to be done. Some are almost done without thinking; others take more thought and, according to the procedures, may need to be documented for legal reasons.

We will now go down the roster for comments.

Bob

Robert L Hollister

Thought for the day:

"If you only do what you know you can do - you never do very much."

Tom Krause