

## RACES Notes for 08/08/2007

### News and Announcements

#### 1) Upcoming Events:

Sep 1-3 - Paradise 2007  
Oct 13 – Perimeter Bike Race

#### 2) MCU Update:

The replacement generator door has arrived. I will take the MCU to Bisbee in the morning to have it installed. Also, the replacement for the Big Stick has arrived. I will pick it up tomorrow in Bisbee as well.

3) Paradise – Preparations for our annual trek to Paradise are moving along. The announcement for the Special Event has been placed and will be published in the September QST as well as on the ARRL Web Site. The request to the Forest Service for the Special Use Permit has been dropped off. A Porta-Potti has been reserved and transport arranged. I would like a head count on the net tonight for those planning to attend and for how long. As I mentioned at the CARA meeting, you may come for a couple hours or for the whole weekend. Come on out and have a good time.

4) Arizona Traffic & Emergency Net (ATEN) – For those who have HF privileges and would like to get more experience handling formal traffic, I would like to recommend the ATEN activities found on 3.985 at 1900 hours each evening. You may also find additional information on the ATEN web site: <http://www.atenaz.net/>

#### Training: Incident Security

We have talked about incident scene or site security before but there are a couple more points I would like to cover this evening. Usually when an incident is discovered and or reported, and often before responders can even be dispatched, volunteers, victims and spectators will converge on the scene. When responders arrive, they must first separate the spectators, and then the volunteers from the victims and finally establish a secure inner perimeter around the incident. This inner perimeter allows the ICS team to:

- Control Access
- Establish resource accountability
- Ensure safety of the public
- Establish a working environment for responders that is as safe and secure as possible.

As was evident on 9/11, force protection must be a primary consideration in an environment where responders may be a primary or secondary target. Incident Security requires:

Distinguishing agency personnel who have been officially dispatched from those who may be "self-dispatched".

Identifying and credentialing (providing incident identification that allows access to the incident) officially dispatched mutual aid resources.

Establishing controlled points for entry or departure of authorized personnel.

Carrying and displaying your RACES ID Card at the scene of an incident will facilitate your entry to the communications unit. Even with that card though, you may still not be recognized by whoever has been assigned to control access to the incident scene or the command center. Maintain good personal self control and ask that your presence at the scene be verified through the incident Command. It is for your own safety and those of the response element that you may be asked to wait until your identity and need for your presence is verified. This will normally only happen at larger more critical incidents but it could happen at any potential crime scene where law enforcement is simply trying to protect the crime scene.

Get to know who is supposed to be there and who is not. If you believe there is someone present who does not belong, check with your supervisor to verify the individual's status. The MCU and the immediate area is generally considered a restricted area and not a place for folks to just "hang-out". This is particularly critical during crime scene support activities. Victim family members will generally not be allowed continued access to the MCU nor should they be encouraged to "hang-out" in close proximity to the MCU where they could overhear critical information about a victim's status. Information about a victim's status is normally only provided to the family by someone designated by the Incident Commander. Requests for information from press or media representatives are normally only furnished through the designated Public Information Officer or PIO.

Okay, that's all for tonight, let's go down the roster for comments.