

RACES Notes for 09/24/2008

News and Announcements

1) Upcoming Events:

- 9/27 – Operation 3C Support, a 3-County Exercise
- 10/11 – Cochise Perimeter Bicycling Classic
- 10/18 – Tucson Hamfest
- 11/13 - Ft. H. Safety/preparedness Day at TMAC

2) Operation 3C Support, a Three County Exercise - I mentioned on earlier nets that we have received a warning order from Mike Evans, the county Emergency Services Coordinator, that we will be tasked to support an exercise on 27 September. Our primary assignment will be to act as a relay for exercise controller communications at a deployed site here in Cochise County. The MCU will deploy at 0615 to the County Complex at Foothills and Hwy 92. We need to be on the air at the Foothills location for a 0650 communications check with the Pima County communications team. There will also be a deployed unit in Santa Cruz County, I believe the Pima County Toad unit.

We will use the event as an excuse to conduct a test of all the Blue Eagle assignments. We need to check those out annually anyway and this is as good an opportunity as there is. If you have a Blue Eagle assignment, I would like you to go to your assignment and conduct a communications test at 09:00 that morning. The MCU will be on the air and monitoring 147.02 and 146.88 (Skywarn Channel). It may be beneficial to contact the key person at your Blue Eagle location in advance to ensure easy access on the date of the test. I will also be attending a planning/training session in Tucson tomorrow (Thursday) morning. I will be reviewing the Blue Eagle assignments in a moment as part of our training. I will also be needing volunteers to assist at the MCU during the deployment. If you are available, I would like to change shifts at 9 and 11. Please let me know of your availability for that Saturday morning when we go down the list for comments.

Training – Blue Eagle Assignments

The Blue Eagle designator applies to predesignated RACES operator assignments. The name came from the RACES logo and was adopted from the Y2K operation conducted New Years Eve 1999. For some types of alerts such as a Level 300 alert, personnel with a Blue Eagle assignment will report directly to the predesignated location without any need for additional instruction. They will activate the radios at those locations and come up on the designated RACES channel. Many Blue Eagle assignments are equipped with radios and antennas and only lack operators. Other locations require that the operator bring their own equipment. Those marked with an asterisk are equipped with radio and antennas.

Primary Blue Eagle Assignments (As of: 9/22/08)

Location	Planned Assignments/ Manning
Benson CCSO	As Needed
*Benson Hospital	Mike Bucciarelli - N7CK, Mike McNeill AD7HZ
*Bisbee CCSO (NCS)	Ev Wittig WB7VNF, Ranny Burke KE5DJ, Pablo Duarte KE7FPP
*Bisbee CQ Hosp	As Needed
Douglas CCSO	As Needed
*Douglas SEAMC Hosp	Barbara Heck KD7YOZ, Aaron Mendle KD7YOY
Elfrida Fire /SO Substation	Vacant

*Fort Huachuca MARS	Duty Operator
*Fort Huachuca Med Center	Rob Cass, AC7XA, Dick Mitterlehner K7MIT,
Huachuca City PD/Fire	As Needed
Palominas Fire	Bill McNab N7BIL
Sunsites/Pearce Fire -	Vacant
SV MCU -	Bob Hollister N7INK, Dale Chidester NJ7C, Roger Peters W7RGP
SV CCSO (A/NCS) -	As Needed
SV DPS Office -	Sgt Vince Fero AA7JB
*SV PD -	Juanita Portz KK7WA, Paul Angelo KD7TDL, Mike Bales KC7GTY
*SV PD Mobile EOC	As Needed
*SV Red Cross LNO	As Needed
*SV Regional Med Ctr -	Bob Rice K7HVV, Mike Arnold N7ZGO,
SV Fry Fire # 2	As Needed
SV Fry Fire # 3	As Needed
*SV Green Acres HF Site	Rich Hotchkiss KB7RDG, Grant Hays WB6OTS
Tombstone Marshal/Fire	Richard Homer KB7QLH,
Willcox CCSO/*Hospital	James Walden KB6TAL, Dave Walters KD7BOV,

All other members are considered to be on the standby list. Members can request assignment/reassignment to other locations or ask to be placed on the standby list by making the request to the appropriate City Officer.

Bob
Robert L Hollister

Thought for the day:

"The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart."

Elisabeth Foley