

If everything is shaking and you are a ham radio operator, listen on 145.270 or or 145.450 or 146.115 for information

Town formed an Emergency Communications Committee – Scott Overstreet, chairman. The committee named Rick Ellinger as ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) EC (Emergency Coordinator). The committee has 12 members; 6 form a steering team. The committee members are Assistant ECs. All are licensed hams radio operators, a requirement to operate the town EOC (Emergency Operations Center), located in the History House next to town hall.

EOC

The Los Altos Hills EOC is well equipped and includes ability to communicate via wireless data (packet) as well as voice using several radios. These communications abilities are linked via wireless to radio repeaters around the SF Bay area to Santa Clara County EOC and to the County OES (Office of Emergency Services) at 55 W. Younger Street, San Jose. Communications ability extends to State of CA OES via relay. It has served in previous emergencies. It has emergency backup power for several days.

Training Next drill Saturday 1400-1600 26 Jan 2002

Communications: The hams have a drill every Monday night at 8PM. Around the county, about 80 hams join in to the 30 minute drill. This is a voice drill. At least quarterly the county sponsors a drill that involves data communication via packet, as well as voice communication, with various disaster scenarios as a backdrop for these drills. City/Town/Law Enforcement officials are encouraged to join in these drills. Participation is voluntary and ranges from table-top exercises to

ARES Drill SAT 26 January 2002 1400 1600 XSC-2002-01T Command 1 146.760 – PL 151.4 Command 2 440.100 + PL 100.0 Command 1 ALT 145.450 – PL 100.0 Command 2 ALT 442.575 + PL 100.0 Milpitas test freq 144.135/S Packet KE6AGJ-1 144.910 and 223.660 Larry Carr, DEC 941-2567
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actual deployment of emergency services personnel. These large scale drills are official events, with activation numbers, that officially link the volunteers into the insurance system from the state that covers registered Disaster Service Workers.

Authority

Hams operate under the initiation and direction of town officials. They do not self-dispatch themselves. It is essential for a town to request ham support anytime there is a possible need to augment normal communications via phone, fax, email, or city radios. The hams add a well-proven ability to go to a scene, transmit messages, and stay on the job. Their first duty is to secure themselves and their family, though, then respond. Typically an initiation of their services results in activating a resources net and a tactical communication net.

Specific Personnel Contacts

Maureen Cassingham, City Manager, Los Altos Hills serves as acting Emergency Manager for the town. (650) 941-7222

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