

**Date:** January 26, 2011

**From:** Santa Clara County ARES/RACES Packet Committee

**Subject:** Packet Network Update – Changes Completed

**Attention:** All ECs, AECs, MACs and other Santa Clara County Packet Users

This Packet Network Notice contains important information which affects your ability to access and use the county packet backbone. This update covers the following topics:

- Changes Completed on Wednesday, 26-Jan-2011
  - New Combined Installer for Outpost/PacForms
  - BBS call sign and hostname changes
  - Change of primary BBS for several agencies
  - New weekly packet check-in tactical call signs
  - Updated web page
  - Updated tactical calls bulletin
- Action items
- Questions / Comments / Concerns

Please read this information thoroughly and pass along to any packet users in your local area.

## **Changes Completed on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The following changes were completed on Wednesday, 26-Jan-2011.

### **New Combined Installer for Outpost/PacFORMS**

The combined installer for Outpost/PacFORMS in Santa Clara County has been updated and posted to the Packet page of the Santa Clara County ARES/RACES website. Visit:

<http://www.scc-ares-races.org/packet.html>

### **BBS Call Sign and Name Change**

The BBS call signs have changed and a third BBS has been officially activated. The table below summarizes the changes:

Location	Previous		Current	
	Call Sign	Hostname	Call Sign	Hostname
SCCo Office Bldg in San Jose	W6XSC-1	scc.ampr.org	W6XSC-1	w6xsc-1.ampr.org
Crystal Peak (South County)			W6XSC-2	w6xsc-2.ampr.org
Mountain View	K6MTV-1	mtv.ampr.org	W6XSC-3	w6xsc-3.ampr.org
Frazier Peak (above Milpitas)			W6XSC-4	w6xsc-4.ampr.org
Training and backup			W6XSC-5	w6xsc-5.ampr.org

### Changes to Primary BBS for Some Agencies

The primary BBS for the following agencies has been reassigned to W6XSC-2 (Crystal Peak):

- All Santa Clara County Hospitals and DEOC
- Morgan Hill
- Gilroy
- Monterey County
- San Benito County
- Santa Cruz County

### New Weekly Packet Check-In Tactical Call

Two new tactical calls were added for use during the Monday and Tuesday packet check-ins:

- PKTMON           for weekly packet net check-in on Monday
- PKTTUE           for weekly packet net check-in on Tuesday

The primary BBS for these tactical calls is W6XSC-2. So the packet check-in net control will need to connect to W6XSC-2 as either PKTMON or PKTTUE to download the messages.

### Updated Web Page

The Santa Clara County ARES/RACES packet frequencies web page has been updated to reflect the change in BBS call signs and hostnames and primary and backup BBS assignments. Visit:

<http://www.scc-ares-races.org/freqs/packet-freqs.html>

### Updated Tactical Calls Bulletin

A bulletin which lists the primary tactical calls for all agencies using our network was added to the PERM bulletin area.

### Action Items

1. Print a and retain a copy of the new frequency and BBS info web page: <http://www.scc-ares-races.org/freqs/packet-freqs.html>
2. Download and install the combined Outpost/PacFORMS installer as soon as possible. Connect to your assigned primary BBS and send one or more test messages to yourself (including PacFORMS) to verify proper operation.
  - a. **ECs:** Remember that you need to get the “private” version of the installer for your EOC. The private version includes additional PacFORMS which are not publically available and can be found in the password protected area of the website.
3. Check-in with packet using the new tactical call signs on a regular basis on Monday or Tuesday evenings to regularly verify operation of both your personal station and the county network.
4. Attend the packet classes provided by Santa Clara County ARES/RACES to get complete information about how to use the network.

### Questions / Comments / Concerns

That’s all for this update. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, it is likely that someone else does, too. So it would be helpful if you direct them to the scc-packet Yahoo group. That way, everyone can see the answer. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scc-packet>