

Quarterly Drill – Saturday, May 16, 2020
Drill Hours: 1000 – 1200

Instructions to ECs

Create a scenario that engages the amateur radio operators in your city from their homes, in compliance with social distancing recommendations. The usual ideas below can still apply. But rather than using physical locations, each operator simulates a location from home. Here are some ideas:

1. Respond to a simulated incident, like an earthquake, flooding, mud slide, major traffic accident, CERT drill, or other incident appropriate to your city.
2. Support a simulated public service event like a bike race, parade, or festival.
3. Conduct a data gathering task, like checking simplex coverage around your community at local schools, parks, shelters, alternate EOC, CERT locations, fire stations, etc. Or do a simulated creek watch for a flooding scenario.
4. Simulate the failure of a city utilized repeater, moving all city traffic to a backup repeater or simplex frequency.
5. Simulate the opening of a shelter and provide simulated message traffic related to shelter operations (food, bedding, water, medical aid, transportation, etc.).
6. Use AlertSCC to notify participants of the event and request their response while measuring their response times.
7. Use your imagination and come up with your own idea that tests your procedures and equipment.

The scenario should meet the following objectives:

1. Encourage and practice SCCo Performance Standards and Best Practices.
2. Follow proper check-in and check-out procedures on all nets for both your Local nets and the County nets at the start and end of the drill.
3. Specific instructions for drill “score card” requirements will be provided in a packet notice which will contain the minimum traffic levels expected to be sent to the County EOC from cities.
 - a. Reminder: be familiar with your city’s alternate BBS procedures.
4. Be sure to properly check-in and out of each net (review training to be sure of procedure)
5. Please create realistic content, i.e. no “barrels of monkeys”, “zombification”, etc.
6. Be sure to include “Drill Traffic” in your messages.
7. Encourage local participation in an after-action meeting at your EOC to talk about how it went.
8. Please report on volunteer ham-radio man-hours that participated in the drill as well as the man-hours used for planning before the drill. Estimates are ok.
9. Please submit a RACES mutual aid request via packet for a single need (and at verifiable street

Notes:

1. Follow instructions provided in packet notices in XSCEVENT and other messages from the County EOC.
2. Be prepared for real time changes from the County EOC.
3. Have fun, develop skills, and become better operators.
4. Remember, you only have 2 hours, so it can’t be too complicated.
5. After the drill, feedback will be provided via a scorecard to help identify performance issues.