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Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services

ALERT! – R.A.C.E.S.

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SJ OA Comm Center On The Air!

I won't kid you, It's pretty cozy duty to bring the HF Radio in the San Joaquin Operational Area (XSJ-OA EOC) Communications Center, and being on-line during the State ACS nets.

The San Joaquin OA EOC - COMM Center has joined the Statewide ACS effort with the "California Emergency Services Net" on Wednesday mornings.

Anyone with 15-minutes to spare can stop by (10 a.m.), and become familiarized with the equipment. We could also float an "Alternate" for the Monday evening session. There is no Drill message, or Digital mode requirement.

The Wednesday sessions are a good start, for now.

Springtime Maintenance

Whether the occurring 2010 El Niño extends wet weather or not, Springtime means you can lay down some radial wires (in the sod), and have them be safely covered in a short period of time.

Even among Satellite aficionados, finding that special spot, with improved ground reflections, this can help your signal get where it needs to reach.

A Server Of Our Own

A "server" is a specialized type of computer. It typically does only a few tasks, compared to your desktop, but it does them very well (fast!).

The Worldwide APRS-IS network is comprised of a large number of such servers, using a very modern technique called "Virtualization". Amateur radio operators and civilian weather network nodes use this system, much like "texting" on cell phones, to communicate seamlessly wherever there is service.

We are well on our way to floating what would free the APRS-IS locally from being infrastructure dependent (i.e., needing the "internet")...Stay tuned!

Get NIMS Compliant!

All R.A.C.E.S. volunteers are required to become NIMS compliant. The National Incident Management System is required for public agency personnel.

FEMA WEBSITE:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>

NIMS – Where to Begin?

ICS-100- Introduction To ICS: This course FEMA makes available as a basic training for incident response. This course is relevant whether your assigned to a "field" or EOC location.

The on-line course takes a little more than 1- hour to complete. The time this course saves with situational awareness is the return of your investment.

I-700.a-NIMS An Introduction: Introduces and overviews the National Incident Management System. Takes about 3-hours to complete.

Did I Mention it's required?

Hint: Google "FEMA ICS-100", and click on "I'm Feeling Lucky" . . . Really!



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Training, Drills, and Exercises For 2009-2010

The San Joaquin Operational Area jurisdictions/agencies have finalized most of the 2009-10 training, drills, and exercise schedule. Communications, including amateur radio, will be utilized in several of them.

A major exercise will be the statewide medical/health exercise on 17-Nov-10.

Other dates of interest are:

- **18-Nov-10:** Statewide Medical/Health Exercise
- TBD



Station-1

Station-2



XSJ OA-EOC RACES stations

Station-1

- Kenwood TM-V71A 144/430
- Pactor-Controller
- Yaesu FT-1802M 144
- Kantronics Packet 3 Plus

Station-2

- Kenwood TS-480 HF
- Kenwood TM-V71A 144/430
- Yaesu FT-1802M 144
- Kantronics Packet 3 Plus

FEMA Independent Study Course - Communications

IS-802 – Emergency Support Functions Communications.

As part of the National Response Framework (NRF) Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) are primary mechanisms at the operational level used

About Our Organization...

San Joaquin County OES serves as the Operational Area organization. An O.A. is the combined local jurisdictions, coordinating resources and information.

There are 110 independent special districts, 7-cities, and the government in San Joaquin County.

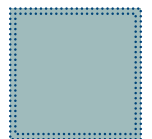
to organize and provide assistance. This series of courses is designed to overview each of the 15 ESFs. This course provides an introduction to Emergency Support Function (ESF) #2 –Communications.

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS802.asp>

A special district is any fire, school, cemetery, irrigation, reclamation, or other similar special purpose governmental body.

A local jurisdiction has its own governing decision making body, or a board appointed by a city or county.

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