

FONTANA PD R.A.C.E.S. 11-14-07
Meeting Minutes

Website: www.qsl.net/KF6GLO

Location: Exec Conf. Room, Fontana PD

Date: 09-12-07

Time: 1900 to 2100

Present: Lt. Chris Tronaas, Brian Corcoran, Maria Falcone, Joan Geist, Sherry Livingston, Bonny Faulkner, Fred Flores, Ken Davis, Roger McGuire, Al Emery, Tina Kalberg, Cliff Cheney, Lou Johnson, Marcia Johnson, Mike Urbanek, Jean Rogers, Russ Rogers, Dave Hart

Guests: Chuck Burton

MEETING - The meeting came to order at 1910 hours by Lt. Tronaas.

PAST MINUTES - Minutes were not available to review.

FARA TREASURY REPORT- Tina Gave. Tina stated there is approx. \$2100 dollars in Cashiers checks at this time. Tina made a motion to look into the possibility of spending some of the money on a portable repeater. The group agreed and directed Tina to move forward with looking into the cost to buy the repeater and report back next month. Also discussed we made need to get a new radio.

MAIL - No mail to dispersed.

HANDOUTS:

RACES Frequency Spreadsheet created by Dave Hart was passed out.
Fontana RACES Net Night List was passed out.
Fontana PD RACES and Associates list was passed out.
Earthquake Article

NEW RACES ID Cards - Were handed out.

FALCONE'S UNIFORM LETTER – Handed out

BLACK RACES MAP NOTEBOOKS – They were handed out. Still need approx. 4 more for members. Will have by the next meeting.

SIERRA LAKES FIRE RACES DEPLOYMENT - The deployment on Oct 21 2007 was discussed. All were thanked who responded for doing a great job assisting PD and Fire. Radio dispatching worked very well to RACES units in the field until a stuck mic tied up and timed out the repeater, knocking communications out for a significant time period. RACES members were cautioned to be aware of their mic buttons and to check

periodically to make sure they don't have a stuck mic. It was decided if the repeater goes down or there is a stuck mic again during an activation, all RACES members will switch to the primary simplex freq or Channel 1 on your preprogrammed radio. Members need to remember to relay if we use simplex. A Radio Procedure Policy will be developed and distributed in the near future.

BONNY'S DEPT BASE STATION - It was discussed that Bonny Faulkner's Base station needs to be programmed for Channel 1 or the Primary simplex freq. She will contact RACES members to assist her in doing this.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Bonny brought up that we need a Christmas Party for RACES. All agreed. Bonny and Tronaas to work on location and a date and time for the party in January. Party will be held at a restaurant.

BIG THANK YOU!! - Big Thanks to Dave Beaton, Dave Hart, Mike Urbanek, Jean Rogers, Russ Rogers and Joan Geist for coming to the PD on the 22nd of Oct and cleaning radio equipment, removing it from the old consoles and installing it into the newly remodeled Radio room off the EOC!! All radios except the HF are now hooked up and running!

BIG THANK YOU!! - Big Thanks to those that responded and worked the CERT Graduation Drill on Nov 3rd!! That was Bonny, Sherry, Russ, Maria, Jean, Cliff, Brian, Fred and Joan!!!

BIG THANK YOU!! - Another Big Thanks to Dave Beaton for picking up and delivering the 5 J pole antennas from the high desert to the PD!!

MAPBOOK TRAINING - It was suggested that we do training on the map books in the near future. We will do this at our next meeting when everyone has a map book. **SO BRING YOUR RACES NOTEBOOK TO THE DEC. MEETING PLEASE..**

RACES EQUIPMENT - After the Dec Meeting, everyone should have their RACES New ID card, a placard and a notebook for disaster responses. Please contact Tronaas if you are lacking any of these after the next meeting.

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU! – To those that responded and went with Lt. Tronaas in the Command Post to the Safety Fair at Vista Metals in Fontana on Oct 17.

CERT EPILETS – Discussed. RACES members only wear on RACES shirts, not there Crime Prevention shirts if you are a member of both.

HAM RADIO CLASS – To be held in January for Technicians. Date to be announced. RACES members to start studying now for upgrading license also! This class will be 3 – 2 hour sessions and a 1 hour test night to follow. Bonnie suggested having a GENERAL CLASS. Taken under advisement and may occur in near future after Tech Class.

NET NIGHT – Net night discussed. Rotation decided upon for now. The rotation will be Tina, Bonny, Sherry, Bill and Dave H starting Nov 15 with Tina.

EOC SETUP/ COMMUNICATIONS RACES DRILL – This was discussed and the date of JAN. 12 at 0900 hours were selected as the drill date. Tronaas to reserve EOC room. The EOC will be setup, the command post manned and at least 3 field radio stations will be set up in the drill and communications established and messages passed. BBQ or lunch will be served after or during drill.

RADIO INVENTORY – Cliff to forward copy of RACES radio inventory to Tronaas as soon as possible.

KAISER HOSP. RADIO SITUATION – This was briefly discussed. Kaiser Hospital's radio capabilities were examined by Dave Beaton, Joan Geist and Lt Tronaas on Oct 22nd. Their capabilities were woefully inadequate and it was communicated to our group that their management was not and would not support dedication of an area for a full time set up radio station. So as it is now, it is kept in two separate areas and is a pain to setup with no dedicated space and no plans to ever dedicate any space. The Drs. are in ego battles over an emergency radio group getting started over at the hospital. It was discussed and determined that RACES would most likely have to respond members down to the hospital and set up a radio station for communications during times of a disaster. This will be incorporated into the radio plan.

SEMS/ NIMS TRAINING – Tronaas discussed upcoming training for RACES members. Would like RACES members to be trained in SEMS, NIMS 100, 200 and 700. Tronaas brought up NIMS courses are on the internet. Certificates will be mailed to you by FEMA if you complete the on line courses. First module will start in the Dec meeting of 3 modules on SEMS, the Calif. Emergency Management System. A test will be given after the three modules are completed over the next three meetings.

LEVELS OF CERT – It was briefly discussed that we will soon be putting out different criteria for levels of CERT and or RACES, and what the requirements will be. SEMS and NIMS training will be a part of attaining a higher level of RACES/ CERT.

ARRL TRAINING – Tina volunteered to do some ARRL training on messaging. This will also be given in the very near future at a RACES meeting.

EOC RADIO ROOM DAY – I will be contacting the members involved in the final install of radios in the radio room soon to select a day to finish the radio job.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2100 hours.

NEXT MEETING DEC. 12 at FPD Exec. Conf. Room at 1900 hours.