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Our weekly drill for the 10 of August, 8 PM will involve copying traffic. Have pen and paper handy. Traffic will be broadcast by the net controller. The traffic you receive would be checked against the traffic sent for accuracy by a follow up email.

We now have some new active members in RACES and some admin and other tasks are being accomplished as well as much needed assistance in organization and policy development. Bill and Rebecca Stockslager, Bob Stubbins, and Robert Evans--Welcome aboard. Bob Evans has also consented to be 1st Deputy RACES Officer and will be representing the North County Region. Under our new management plan (consistent with ICS), Deputy RACES Officers will be able to fully perform the duties of the RACES Officer in his absence and are part of the line of succession in maintaining contact with RACES leadership. We will shortly be filling the other regional county deputies for the South and West County regions.

One Lesson Learned: If you plan to meet at a place for breakfast, make sure they are open that day--Mondays are apparently a problem. We still plan to have a working breakfast meeting every Monday but it will not be the Simply Cafe. We'll let you know where the venue is next time. Possibly we will move it to represent each region in turn.

I understand that RACES will have a role in supporting the county in an upcoming exercise in September. We will provide details as we have them.

RACES has been disbanded in Sarasota County (as apparently has all volunteer involvement in county functions). Emergency Comm functions and RACES/ARES personnel will be subsumed under Sarasota County Red Cross, to include the moving of equipment from county facilities. We in Charlotte County are doing informally some of what Sarasota has done formally; to wit, integrating activities (with other volunteer organizations) in a more holistic manner. We talked briefly with Michael Zimmerman, Emergency Service Chairman, Disaster Services of the Southwest Florida Red Cross. We hope to do some regional cooperative training and exercises.

We are still looking for budget ideas and, of course, solicit your considered input and involvement in all RACES/ARES matters.

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