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Subject: Professional Behavior Expectation Material from Aug 17 training meeting

Attached please find (14K file) synopsis of material covered. Please review the items. Most are common sense and probably will not apply. However, almost all of these items were selected based on the reports or experience of some incident, somewhere. It only takes one example to cause difficulties for the rest of the group.

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One comment tonight was to have 3 by 5 cards made up that list the parameters of expectations when working with a particular agency. Good Idea.

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The majority of the meeting dealt with planning for the upcoming exercise on September 20.

This will be a 3-hour exercise but will require lots of preparation on our part. Here is what we are tentatively planning:

2 operators at each of the 4 hospitals. One operator will have a handheld and shadow the center of operations. The base stations will be on the 745 machine. The shadow station will communicate with the base on 440 simplex or FRS.

There will be a mobile command post stattione at the incident staging area. The NCS will consist of two operators. One in the command vehicle and, hopefully, one external to the vehicle near the incident command staff (but out of the way). This will be an open net where the stations will be able to communicate at will unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

There will probably be a mobile or handheld operator (or both) stationed with the county health department. Frequencies are the same.

I would like an HF station available just in case.

The EOC RACES offices will be activiated but will only communicate to relay or deal with issues that may come up but are not part of predicted play. A logistics net will however be set up to communicate with exercise players and other amateurs serving the exercise; e.g., Red Cross, CERT.

We are looking at the following personnel assignments:

Englewood Hospital --#1 Dave Senkpiel (confirmed)

#2 OPEN_____

Fawcett Hospital --#1 Jack Liggett (confirmed?)

-#2 OPEN_____

Peace River Med -#1 Aldo DiSalvo (suggested?)

-#2 DARN operator? (suggested?)

Charlotte Regional -#1 Bob Speck (suggested?)

-#2 Joy Speck (suggested?)

Command Post -#1 Tom Ponder (confirmed)

-#2 Bob Stubbins (suggested)

EOC RACES -#1 Mark Oliphant (suggested)

-#2 Bill Stockslager (suggested)

HF/MARS Dave Boland (suggested)

If there insufficient volunteers, our adjoining County RACES organizations will be invited to participate. DARN Operators have been actively participating in our drills and are also welcome as volunteers for this exercise. Positions will be filled first come, first served. Once filled, we will identify other volunteers as backup.

There will have to be operational checks at all facilities in the next two weeks. Our tactical net for next month will be duplicating the exercise.

Please confirm or decline participation if you are on the suggested list. If you are available to deploy and participate (to include committing to dry runs) please reply and state your preference for location. Please note that the exercise play itself may only involve a message or two. All participants should have the capability of having backup radios.

It is important for those interested in developing a viable RACES organization and for key officers to attend future planning meetings, to include the county's.

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Other news. We talked briefly about rotating our weekly breakfast meetings at different venues around the county, to include Englewood. We also thought that Wednesday might be a better day for these breakfasts as we often have other RACES activity. Comments? Suggestions for breakfast places? One other possibility is to do a bit of car pooling, gas prices being what they are.

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If you have any suggestions or input on our proposals for the exercise, forward them or contact me or attend the future planning meeting or all of the above. Comments on any other aspect of RACES are of course welcome as well.

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