

## ShakeOut Debriefing October 22, 2011

Started at 0803

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keith Prebble

Announcements: T-Shirt Contest; All Souls – help needed; “Telephone” drill is planned for next year to pass a message from station to station and back to EOB. It should come back as originally sent.

New ICS DCS213 form was handed out; the Routing boxes were added to the left-hand side.

A message regarding the ShakeOut drill was read to help those present practice taking a message.

General comments by Staff 10:

- Out of the 229 DCS members, 155 participated.
- Bob Nicholson was at the EOB and said we did better than other counties and was extremely pleased with the way DCS handled the drill.
- Charles & Geoff were impressed. We didn't have Mt. D, but we worked around it.
- Take a relay when you can tell that another unit calling in is not being heard.
- It went well; we did what we were supposed to.
- We made a change to ICS213, which is now posted on the website.
- Everyone was happy with us.
- Our original plans were to get messages to every station, but Station A was busier than expected.
- Everyone followed procedures
- Messages did not follow format because EOB used different form.
- On long messages, read short bursts then break for fill-ins.
- Next year there will be more message handling drills
- Transmit at copy speed.
- Everyone will get better with practice.
- DCO's have to let everyone know what is going on
- Every station should have called in when they were ready
- If a member is stuck, they can check-in on the repeaters
- Most checked-in to the stations via simplex
- DCO's, RRT, Staff are only ones to use repeaters regularly.
- Be flexible!
- Think of contingency plans.
- Have a second station ready
- Use texting, faxing, email, etc. All are viable.

Comments sent via email:

Terry Presiant – impressed with how we handled ourselves; class helped everyone work on the same level; all available Dist. 12 members were available; all were positive; major radio

problems – moved to mobile units in less than 5 minutes, then moved back into the station, than back to mobile unit; worked with new Sergeant; when they key up 1 radio creates problems with the other radios; they could have relayed to Dist. 2. Problem contacting EOB repeater, had to use cell phone to communicate; check-ins hampered by messages; district roll call should be a set time; emergency traffic missed.

Hector (Temple Sta.) – quick keying, hold the mic & count to 3 before transmitting; some on Mt. D while others on EOB repeater; let both repeaters drop before keying in; EOB didn't help by giving messages during check-in.

Comments by members at meeting:

- Keith Prebble notified EOB that Lancaster/Palmdale were shutting down on Mt. D. He was asked to relay for LAN/PLM but couldn't because EOB was doing roll call.
- Remember to say, "This is a Drill" at the beginning and end of a message.
- EOB didn't give a specific way to check-in to test how district checked in.
- Cannot close station while members are still in the field.
- No moods or short tempers on the radio – it is unprofessional and will not be allowed.
- Joe Lanphen asked about using 2M repeater, 220, and simplex
- Staff 12 said we need to be flexible and to adapt
- Reprogramming radios was discussed.
- Practice what is learned in training.
- Keep messages short.
- A list of common abbreviations will be made for everyone to use.
- Make messages flow easily.

After a brief break, Staff 10 discussed:

- The person at Net Control controls the radio communications.
- Must have a scribe – should have good penmanship
- EOB Ops – to have more training (RRT plus 12 members)
- DCO's need to train their members – it's NOT up to the EOB
- Chris Storey was really impressed, proud of us
- Don't stop training
- There will be training flyers/reminders
- Charles, Geoff & Bob were very happy with us; we met their goals; we did a great job

Announcements:

All Souls 11/02/11, and 12/05/11

Quarterly Training 11/05/11 will include a BBQ

Monday Night Messages – first message (County & local Nets) to be read at copy speed to give everyone a chance to practice reading and taking messages.

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Meeting adjourned at 1030