

April 18 2018 RAC-G Full Scale Exercise After Action Notes

- Use tactical call signs
 - brief
 - descriptive
 - unambiguous/unique
- Controlled net procedures!!!
 - NCS should only be a traffic cop
 - NCS should be a rare message recipient
 - NCS should only rarely act as relay
 - Traffic to a specific on-net destination should be sent direct (w/NCS permission)
- Pace too fast for verbal messages
 - talk only as fast as someone can write
 - fills take much more time than getting it right the first time
 - we need to practice
- Probably should have originating stations assign sequential message numbers for easy reference if needed later
- Audio levels on various nodes of W5ETX inconsistent
- Quick keying on linked systems
 - first word chopped
 - key...then count to 1, then inhale... then talk
 - given squelch tails and courtesy tones, when can next station start... and does this affect how long sender must pause before beginning
- Brief messages
 - are more efficiently sent orally
 - better for wide situational awareness
 - how to decide a message can be sent orally?
 - short-fit on a post it note
 - non-technical (no uncommon words/names)
 - < 30 seconds total
- Need at least two operators in busy/frequent destination agencies
 - SOP should be to always send multiple operators to
 - Smith County EOC
 - MOC
 - DDC
- No digital traffic sent at exercise - not our choice, but we still need to practice
- WebEOC
 - State and local instances were not synchronizing for some users
 - May need to get more users access to WebEOC

- Should we record our traffic as WebEOC entries?
- Network/printer access will always be a challenge
 - without it digital traffic ends up analog - manually writing it down
 - many copiers/printers will print PDF file from USB drive - recommend all operators with FLDigi capability always have several USB flash drives
- Increase use of sound card interfaces
- Noise-cancelling mics and headphones necessary in some locations