

RACES

Where we are.

Background

- Annex A (RACES) part of the Livermore – Pleasanton Disaster Preparedness Plan
- We interface to the cities through the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department
- Two groups identified in the Plan: RACES Radio Operators, and EOC Responders
- A small group of EOC Responders has been registered and active with both cities

What was needed to proceed?

- Some experience by the cities with the new Plan
- Some experience by LPFD, LPD, and PPD with EOC responders
- An agreement on identification
- An agreement on training, performance and security requirements

We've had time to gain some experience and exposure

- Some experience by the cities with the new Plan
 - Training and exercises have been held in both cities.
 - A lot has been learned and a number of changes will be made to the Plan to improve the response and operation of both cities.
- Some experience by LPFD, LPD, and PPD with RACES EOC responders
 - A small group has been responding for drills and routine operations.
 - We are now recognized as part of the response and “acceptable” to be in the EOC.

We needed an agreement on identification

- Identification will be from LPFD
- They need to protect their ID's:
 - fingerprinting
 - background check
 - pictures
- Will be required for everyone with RACES ID

Other agreements reached

- DSW registration (form, oath)
- Basic SEMS training
- Reading requirements
 - Annex A of Disaster Plan (RACES)
 - Deployment Handbook
 - ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course, Part 1

EOC responders will have additional requirements

- Reading requirements:
 - ARRL Amateur Radio Communications Course, Parts 2 and 3
- Performance requirements (every 2 years)
 - Set-up and participate in a monthly net from each EOC: Livermore, Pleasanton, LPD COV, (Dublin)

Today, sign-up for RACES Radio Operator

- Have approval for 20 new positions
- Will accept all sign-ups
- If more than 20 sign-up, will work with RACES Radio Officers and LPFD to select initial group
- Will request additional mid-year funding to complete sign-up for additional group(s)

Next steps

- Next month
 - Pictures
 - Enroll as DSW
 - Distribute reading materials