

Greeting's:

As you know we had the Texas RACES Exercise this past Saturday morning .

We utilized 3 frequencies from the ICS-205 communications form I provided to all involved those frequencies are as follows:

145.190 VARC Repeater we use this as our primary exercise Net Frequency.

1. 145.330 CRHRC repeater we used this as our back up Frequency.
2. We even used DMR for the Texas Coastline during this exercise .

What worked well: the 145.190 worked very well for the exercise we had 100% participation from all out RACES members in our District all members were able to check into the net and pass traffic with the exception of one member in Gonzales county he was hitting the repeater but not quite getting any audio across so I advised him to switch to our backup frequency in Edna and he was able to check in and pass his traffic.

What needs to improvement : Everything went smoothly for the exercise but only improvement is we didn't get any report or participation from Dewitt, Goliad, Lavaca Counties we had no RACES members in those counties yet but I have been trying to recruit some operators in those counties the SOC in Austin did go ahead and authorizes us to include ARES members for this exercise but it was a last minute notice .

RACES Members Participating in our District around the RACES are as follows:

1. Noel Villarreal /KD5PMU – Texas RACES DRO 17
2. Terry Turner/N5HV – RACES 17-469 CLO Victoria
3. Bill Pontillo/W5WMP – RACES 17-469A ACLO Victoria
4. Mario Garcia/WO5O – RACES 17-057 ACLO Calhoun
5. Thomas Learn/KI5OMW – RACES 17-239 CLO Jackson
6. Gary Drescher/KI5FU – RACES 17-177 CLO Gonzales

Conditions During Exercise : Clear & Cool Radio Propagation were Fair on VHF / UHF Monitored The RACES Frequency On HF but we didn't utilize HF which is what I overlooked and need to utilize it next Exercise.

I did send the ICS-201 & ICS-205 forms and exercise to our TDEM Coordinator Ernie Paiz he advised me he would try to monitor the exercise I also sent him a AAR Summary that I sent to Austin SOC and their acknowledgement message back.

Sorry I missed the VARC Meeting was pretty busy with the exercise material but I am going to still try to get in touch with Ernie TDEM coordinator to try to have him come to one of the in person meeting's and do a presentation .

Once Again Thank you for letting us use the Local repeaters for this exercise talk to you later down the line 73.

Respectfully,

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