

SATERN Meeting – January 3rd, 2017

Attending: KD8JOM James, KD8SLU Chris, WX8BOB Bob, KD8DCE Bob, AC8NI Tim, KC8DJ David, W8OPD Paul

Opening: James opened our meeting with a prayer.

Last Month's Minutes: OK

Reports:

- Nets – 20m OK. / 75m – band has gone long, so no local check-ins at this time. / Dave Smith KC8PCL is now in charge our 2m net.
- Callouts – Supported SAR for Kentwood missing. Person was found alive.
- Events – We used the TSA repeater for our Angel Tree distribution callouts. Dave KC8DJ found that the mic is live at all times, if plugged into the repeater. We will use it without the mic. Otherwise the repeater worked well. Santa girls went good well with only two workers. 44 boxes out on first responders callout. Team Rubicon event training at Little Pine Island camp – went well.

Radio-Room:

- All of our TSA radios have been re-programmed to the PL Tone requested by Bill WB8BZH.
- TS-480 is boxed and ready to go into the comm vehicle, as well as a signal link.

Training:

- No Friday training sessions. April camp has been canceled due to scheduling conflict
- Plans for 2017 are to hold Incident command training at DP and offer EDS training at local corps.
- Future training camp to be held at the Kroc Center??

Comm. Veh: Chris showed us the final layout for side panel branding on the communication vehicle. Looks good.

Division News:

- Updating security system at DP, hopefully by end of month.
- Will be able to use a key card for building access.
- Adding cameras for total of 6 to 8.
- HVAC system is now working. A longstanding wiring issue was corrected.

Corps News: Presentations in Holland and Lansing area.. pending approval.

Other:

- WX8BOB says it is difficult for folks to search for the SATERN-EDS website. James will advise the webmaster and ask that the webmaster make the link easier to find.
- Paul – what's going on with SATERNshirts? James would like to use an Air Force shortsleeve blue shirt with epaulets, and a custom WMNI divisional patch. James to bring in a sample shirt.

New Business: Goal to get canteen re-furbished in the new year. There are rusting and loose diamond plate issues.

Upcoming Activities:

- James will take the lead on an open-house at DP for EDS-SATERN. Post cards to individual area hams and clubs to try to get more people interested in SATERN. SkyWarn training in February. Open-house flyer to hand out at the training?

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm