

Greater Grand Rapids SATERN Business Meeting: 4 October, 2016

Attending:

Dave KC8DJ, Paul W8OPD, Paul KD8DLP, Tim N8NET, PerryN8LUF, James KD8JOM, Tim AC8NI

Opened: 7:00PM with prayer led by James KD8JOM & sharing of bread provided by Tim N8NET

Last Meeting Minutes:

Read by AC8NI. Training needs entry questioned by Paul W8OPD & discussed by group.

New business:

- Update from James
 1. Christmas Party December 7th at 6:00pm and bring dish-to-pass, salad or dessert
 2. Hurricane Matthew projected path and potential impact
 3. November 11th Red Kettle game \$20 per ticket (Griffins)
 4. November 19 Santa Parade
 5. Senior luncheon Wed. Dec 14th at FH comm. Center 11:30a – 1:30p in place by 9:00a
 6. At Kroc Center / Senior Christmas luncheon Friday Dec 2 11:30a – 1:30p in place by 9:00a
 7. Dec 20&21 Toy Distribution at FH 8:00a – 6:00p need to be there at 7:00a
 8. Dec. 24&25 First Responder gift baskets. (List available next meeting)
 9. Dec 17 EDS serves Santa girls

Events:

Habitat for Humanity & Team Rubicon event Recognition of Service Day (breakfast & lunch 340/360 meals)

Callouts:

Police Stand off & Missing person responses

Newer business:

- Let's do a Saturday (Date TBA) "Bell Ringing"(Rockford at Family Fare) 9:00a – 4:00p. Canteen hot chocolate.
- We need to schedule an "Antenna party" to increase our band coverage on HF beyond 20m
- Request of Dave KC8DJ to make list of operations our radio room can support, so as to evaluate ability of our SATERN volunteers to function in the radio room
- Request of Dave to document work performed on communication vehicle; frequency list for the radio now mounted in the cab, current capacities of DC outlets in the vehicle, etc

Training:

Still offered by Dave KC8DJ, after lunch on Fridays at DP

Comm. Veh Status:

- 12v DC power distribution has been enhanced, fused, etc. providing 80/40/15 amp service down both sides of the vehicle.
- Motorola 100w vhf transceiver has been mounted in cab. Radio has pac-rt (x band repeater) capability w/ 449.995 pl 127.3 frequency.
- 5 motorola antenna connectors on the roof for various purposes
- Dave suggests internal patch panel. Unused rack space – use white board.

National SATERN News:

- SATERN is now at Delta II (see <http://satern.org> for status list) in response to Hurricane Matthew.
- SATERN net control operators are scheduled through the weekend for constant daytime propagation monitoring of 14.265 MHz. Night propagation monitoring is being handled by the Hurricane Watch Net crew on 7.268 MHz.
- SATERN members with HF capability are encouraged to monitor 20m and 40m operations in support of this operation. Please do not initiate traffic unless your input is requested by net control, or you hear traffic coming out of the hurricane affected area which is not being responded to by net control. THESE ARE DIRECTED NETS.

Corps News:

Monday the 11th James, Chris and Tim will travel to Lansing to meet with Clyde Tompkins K8CPT, our prospective Lansing area SATERN coordinator and liaison to the Central Michigan ARC. We have presented the SATERN program to CMARC in the past and trained 10 or so members. It will be great to have a SATERN unit activated in Lansing.

Other:

1. USECA (Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association) Hamfest October 30, 2016. It might be nice to head over to the east side of Michigan and join in with our Detroit area SATERN counterparts at a hamfest??
2. We continue to have “avid” interest in SATERN uniforms. Group came to consensus on: light blue polo shirts and black pants, with matching blue baseball cap. Prior to moving on this, Tim will check to see if there currently is a “standardized” SATERN uniform in use around the country.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20p by Tim AC8NI, thanks all!