

Greater Grand Rapids SATERN Unit

Monthly Business Meeting – June 6, 2017

Attending: KD8SLU Chris, KC8DJ, Dave WX8BOB Bob, N8NET Tim, N8LUF Perry, KD8DCE Bob, W8EPD Paul, KD8DLP Paul, W8IDR Ivan, KB9IAR Don, KD8RPR Martha

- 1.) Opening 7:01pm
- 2.) Old Business
 - a. Last Month's Minutes, Read, No Changes
 - b. Work-in Progress: [see reports below]
 - c. Action Steps
 - c.i. The COW Branding has been completed
 - c.ii. Shirts Patched and name tags have been standardized
- 3.) Reports
 - a. Events
 - a.i. GRFIA Plane Crash Exercise
 - a.i.1. Served 85 participants breakfast
 - a.ii. Memorial Day at the VA
 - a.ii.1. Served 220 meals for Memorial Day celebration
 - a.iii. National Donut Day
 - a.iii.1. Tim Mullen assisted by picking up about 200 dozen donuts for the event.
 - b. Callouts
 - b.i. GRPD Barricaded Gunman call
 - b.i.1. Chris, James, and Tim Mullen responded. Suspect gave himself up before just after Canteen request was made. We all returned home.
 - c. SATERN

- c.i. 20M no report
- c.ii. 75M excellent, could hear entire state aswell as Ohio and Indiana
- c.iii. 40M no report
- c.iv. 2M It is going and growing
 - c.iv.1. Most check ins are not SATERN members, good exposure for the team.
- d. Communications Vehicle
 - d.i. The snake was removed from the Mast
 - d.i.1. Wires pulled
 - d.i.2. Feed rope inserted
 - d.ii. Desks were removed and new ones installed by Jay McClellan K8DC on Friday June 9 for Comm Truck work day
 - d.iii. 800MHz radio(s) to be donated from State Police
 - d.iv. Don completed the patch panel and it fits!
 - d.iv.1. Punch holes still need to be made for the various components associated with this panel.
 - d.v. Tim Mullen has located online some replacement LED lights for inside station area to replace the florescent bulbs
 - d.vi. Work & Training Days will be every Friday from 9am-4pm for the foreseeable future
- e. Radio Room
 - e.i. No Changes
- f. Committees
 - f.i. No report
- g. WMNI Coordinator (not present but left report with Chris KD8SLU)
 - g.i. RRA SATERN presentation went well, no signups or training requests however they have asked for SATERN links to be placed on their website.
 - g.ii. RRA Field The Salvation Army Canteen will not be supporting this event this year due eligibility to serve meals at public events not disasters
- h. Territory News

h.i. No report

4.) New Business

a. SATERN Shirts

a.i. Orders were placed for shirts and name tags

a.ii. Orders were also requested for name tags only

a.iii. An Inquiry was made about getting small EDS patches

b. Station License Trustee

b.i. It was proposed that Chris KD8SLU become the new station trustee.

b.i.1. Chris KD8SLU called for a motion to approve

b.i.1.a. Bob KD8DLP 2nd, Dave KC8DJ 3rd

b.i.1.a.i. No contest

b.i.2. Action Steps

b.i.2.a. Chris KD8SLU will start the process of changing over the Trustee.

c. FL Digi Vs. Packet

c.i. Bob WX8BOB inquired which system should SATERN Members invest their time and resources to learn to best assist National SATERN for Health and Welfare traffic

c.i.1. The consensus of the group was to learn both.

d. Pi GATE

d.i. Perry N8LUF brought up the prospect of utilizing a Pi Gate for messaging when there is no internet or cell service available.

5.) Training

a. Upcoming EDS Courses have been updated on our EDS-SATERN Website as well as on disaster.salvationarmyusa.org

6.) Announcements

a. Fridays 9am-4pm will be work and training days for the communications vehicle

b. Bob WX8BOB has officially retired his role with Kent County SAR/RACES

- c. Don KB9IAR announced there will be an attack on Pearl Harbor reenactment in Battle Creek along with the Thunderbirds at this year's field of flight & balloon festival.
- d. DMR update
 - d.i. MI5 system has now linked 11 towers throughout Kent, Ottawa, Montcalm and Muskegon Counties
- e. Martha KD8RPR has for the 5th year consecutive earned the good neighbor grant from her employer giving Salvation Army EDS \$500

7.) Closing

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm