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Newsletter of the County of Orange Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

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Captain's Corner

by Ken Bourne, W6HK, Chief Radio Officer

County of Orange RACES is becoming more closely associated with the Citizen Corps Council. OCRACES Emergency Communications Coordinator Marten Miller, KF6ZLQ, gave an interesting PowerPoint presentation on the Citizen Corps at the February 5th OCRACES meeting. We will study some those points in this article, and review the printed material that was distributed at the meeting. Of major interest to OCRACES is the extensive drill that the Orange County California Citizen Corps Council (OCCCC) is planning for Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16, 2007. Because RACES will play a major role in this drill, it is important for all members to become as familiar with the Citizen Corps as possible.

The vision of the Orange County Citizen Corps Program is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to disasters and emergencies. The mission of the OCCCC is to foster the collaboration, communication, and coordination among all Citizen Corps Programs by providing leadership and advocacy.



at least two years of their lives—the equivalent of 4,000 hours—to the service of others. Through the USA Freedom Corps, he wants to help every American answer that call to service by strengthening and expanding service opportunities to protect our homeland, to support our communities, and to extend American compassion around the world.

Coordinated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Citizen Corps is the component of the USA Freedom Corps that focuses on opportunities for people across the country to participate in a range of measures to make their families, homes, and com-

DHS Coordinates Citizen Corps

During his 2002 State of the Union address, President George W. Bush called upon every American to commit



**The Next
OCRACES
Meeting is**

March 5, 2007
1930 Hours
**840 N. Eckhoff St.,
Suite 104, Orange**

**Video on the
"L.A. Air Raid" of
February 1942**



Orange County Sheriff's Department
Michael S. Carona, Sheriff-Coroner

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munities safer from the threats of terrorism, crime, and disasters of all kinds. Citizen Corps also brings together a community's first responders, firefighters, emergency health care providers, law enforcement, and emergency managers with its volunteer resources.

Citizen Corps Councils will serve as an intersection in local communities, arranging necessary training and providing information for public education and awareness efforts. Working with a variety of organizational partners, Councils will integrate Citizen Corps programs with law, fire, and other emergency response programs to ensure that communities are working collaboratively in order to meet local emergency needs as they arise.

Councils can include leaders from emergency management, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, businesses, volunteer and faith-based organizations, and other relevant groups such as schools, places of worship, health-care institutions, and the transportation sector. While each neighborhood, community, and region will determine its own Citizen Corps Council membership, the primary qualification to participate in the Council is the commitment to educate the public on safety, to help citizens take an active role in protecting themselves from harm, to teach citizens what to do in the event of a crisis, and to expand volunteer opportunities that will make the community safer.

Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill

The OCCCC will conduct a Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill (VMAD) on September 15-16. This drill is a result of the Orange County Sheriff's Department receiving funding from the Homeland Security Grant Program. One of the six initiatives in that funding is public education and citizen preparedness. This drill will evaluate how volunteers have been trained in citizen preparedness.

The OCCCC will execute a plan that will measure performance objectives based on prior training for volunteer-based programs that fall under Citizen Corps Council:

- ◆ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)



- ◆ Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)
- ◆ Neighborhood Watch
- ◆ Volunteers in Policing (VIPS)
- ◆ Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- ◆ Existing Local Volunteer Activities

Volunteer programs will be separated into two groups. CERT will be in Group 1 and Neighborhood Watch and VIPS will be in Group 2. RACES members will be in both groups. Each group will be broken down into teams based on City, with one RACES member on each team, preferably from the same City.

Group 1 will be placed in a staging area and briefed separately from Group 2, with Group 2 being placed in its own staging area.

Group 1 will be briefed that they are required to perform a list of objectives. These objectives will be:

- ◆ Building Searches
- ◆ Fire Suppression
- ◆ Maintaining and Incident Command System (ICS) (based on SEMS)
- ◆ Utilizing the ID Badging System
- ◆ Working with the Red Cross and Establishing Shelters

Group 2 will receive a scenario briefing and objectives to respond to in Laser Village (at the OCSD/Tactical Training Center on Katella Avenue in Orange). Teams will respond to assigned building and evaluate/access the area around the building. When the team identifies a CERT-type need response, the team will utilize the RACES operator and radio in the call to the ICS.

One team from Group 1 will operate the ICS. The ICS will be located in the control room for Laser Village. As teams from Group 2 report in with calls, the ICS will dispatch a CERT team from the staging area utilizing RACES radio operators.

Next OCRACES Meeting: March 5, 2007

The next County of Orange RACES meeting will be on Monday, March 5, 2007, at 7:30 PM, at OCSD/Communications, 840 N. Eckhoff Street, Suite 104, in Orange. Tony Sanchez, AE6QT, who is a professional photographer, will take portrait shots of each member. Accordingly, all members are requested to wear their Class B uniform shirt to this meeting.

After the photography session and covering upcoming events, we will watch a "California's Gold" video ("L.A. Air Raid") provided by Ray Grimes, N8RG. In this video, Huell Howser visits the Fort MacArthur Museum in San Pedro to relive the Great Los Angeles Air Raid of February 1942.

PSA Advises How to Prepare for a Pandemic

A news bulletin from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services advises of a new public-service announcement (PSA) that is hitting the airwaves to advise Californians of actions they can take now to prepare for a potential influenza pandemic, according to State Public Health Officer Dr. Mark Horton. The PSA was produced by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) and Kaiser Permanente. It is of particular interest to us, considering the bird flu scenario we covered in our last City/County RACES drill.

"Currently, there is no evidence anywhere in the United States of a pandemic or of the deadly strain of bird flu that has caused human illnesses and deaths in Asia," Horton said. "However, there are actions that Californians can take now that will not only help protect them from this rare strain of bird flu, but also help protect them from seasonal influenza, which is here now, and other respiratory infections throughout the year."

The PSA, which was produced in English, Spanish and Cantonese, advises Californians to do the following:

- ◆ Wash your hands frequently.
- ◆ Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough.
- ◆ Stay home if you're sick.
- ◆ Get a flu shot. (It will not protect you from the rare strain of bird flu that has been found in Asia, but it will keep you healthy.)

The PSA is one of three produced in preparation for a potential influenza pandemic. The second PSA provides advice on what to do if a rare strain of bird flu that has the potential to become a human pandemic is found in birds in the United States. The third PSA provides advice on what to do if evidence is found that an influenza pandemic has spread to the United States. The latter two PSAs will not be released unless these events occur.

The California Broadcasters Association will be distributing the PSA to member stations statewide.

SONGS Exercises: March 14 and April 18

As mentioned in February 2007 *NetControl*, a dress rehearsal for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) annual emergency plan exercise is on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at Loma Ridge. The evaluated exercise is on Wednesday, April 18, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

OCRACES participants have taken the "Introduction to SEMS and EOC Orientation" training module, the "SONGS Overview" training module, and the "SONGS Exercise Review" training module. A couple of the participants have also taken the "SONGS Logistics Section" training module. This module will be offered again on Tuesday, March 6th, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Loma Ridge EOC.

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SUPER CPR SATURDAY



Date: Saturday, April 28, 2007

Course: Adult/Child CPR Certification

Infant CPR Not Included

Participants that successfully complete Adult/Child CPR course will qualify to attend a special 2-hour \$5 Infant CPR Certification class at the Red Cross.

8:00am • 9:00am • 10:00am • 11:00am • 12:00pm

8:00am *Spanish* 12:00pm *Vietnamese*

Each session will last approximately 2 hours

First Aid Certification: 10:00am

Where: Angel Stadium of Anaheim

(Training conducted inside Exhibition Center)

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At the door: \$10.00 per session

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Watching The Web

*Web Sites of Interest to RACES Personnel
by Ken Bourne, W6HK, Chief Radio Officer*

N3MC's Ham Locator

<http://www.vanityhq.com/cgi/hamlocator.cgi?http://www.ae7q.com>



This Ham Locator page on N4MC's Vanity HQ Web site places pins on a zoomable MapQuest-type map, showing the FCC-registered locations of all radio amateurs within a particular ZIP Code. Each ham's location displays a clickable marker that provides call sign, name, and address.

Addresses that cannot be translated into GeoCode, such as a P.O. Box, a new street, or some apartment addresses, will display a map pin at the ZIP Code's center, and not at the ham's home location. Multiple hams at a single address are displayed with individual map pins that can be viewed at the closest zoom level.

Instead of entering a ZIP Code, you may also enter a ham's call sign to obtain a map display of his or her location. The locator's ZIP Code database is updated daily at 12:30 PM. The mapping software reportedly is not compatible with all browsers (Internet Explorer works fine), and uses lots of memory, so clicks may be a bit slow.

N4MC's Ham Locator could be useful for locating radio amateurs within certain areas for recruiting into RACES.

EOC UASI Exercises March 8 and 20

As mentioned in February 2007 *NetControl*, OCRACES participation will be needed for two UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) EOC exercises on Thursday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 20, 2007. These are EOC-only exercises with no field personnel involved. The scenario is high-explosive terrorism. We don't have full details yet, but additional information will be provided at the next OCRACES meeting on March 5, 2007, and via e-mail. It appears that OCRACES will monitor OA-1, as this will be the primary channel for EOC-to-EOC communications. Most likely, there will be some involvement by Control One at the beginning, with the first notification coming into Control. RACES may be called upon to monitor other channels throughout the exercise to back up Control One.

The exercise will utilize a Simulations Cell (SIMCELL) component that will basically simulate any players that are not really participating in the exercise. For example, the drill may start with a call from Placentia PD to Control One to request assistance due to an explosion. Placentia PD will be played by personnel in the SIMCELL. The SIMCELL personnel will likely be at the EOC or an offsite location.

We will need at least three OCRACES personnel at the EOC. This will allow us to have one person stationed in the EOC to monitor the OA-1 radio there as well as in the RACES Room, and a third person for relief and other duties. The exercise is scheduled for 0900 to 1500 hours on March 8, but OCRACES personnel need to be at the EOC at 0730 for a communications test with Anaheim RACES.

RACES News from Around the County

"RACES News"
provides an
opportunity to
share
information from
all City & County
RACES
organizations in
Orange County.

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Fullerton

Fullerton Radio Officer Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO, extends a big thanks to OCRACES member Tom Tracey, KC6FIC, for his help in the Fullerton Junior Tennis Tournament—2007, held on the first two weekends in February. Gene reports that radio operators served both days of the first weekend at nine sites each day, and Saturday of the second weekend at three sites. Groups supporting the event included the Fullerton Radio Club, Fullerton RACES, Placentia RACES, OCRACES, WARA, and HDSCS.

Net control was located at La Habra Tennis Center, with David Curlee KE6IPY, Manuel Borges, AE6SG, Orv Gossman, KI8ORV, Chuck Pacier, AE6YJ, and Cheryl Thorpe, KE6TZU, filling this role at various times. Rose Johnson, KE6STZ, and Cheryl Thorpe, KE6TZU, covered Fullerton College, while Tom Tracey, KC6FIC, and Lyle Bidler, KI6CFR, were at Fullerton High School. Working at El Dorado High School were Bryan Sorenson, KI6AAY, Judy Chase, KG6SEG, and Paul Broden, K6MHD (with Paul also helping with a problem at CSUF). Troy High was only used the first weekend, and Robert Gimbel, KG6WTQ, was there both days. Dino Darling, K6RIX, did the same at La Mirada Regional Park. Bill Kohlenberger, W6ZJE, and Rick Carpenter, W6SRD, took care of Esperanza High. Hal Raish, N6AVX, Ron Chase, AC6MV, Tom Tracey, KC6FIC, and Mark Zdunich, WA6BRD, made sure Cal State University was kept on the air, which was a bit of a challenge. John Sutherland, WA6FJC, worked at Fullerton Tennis Center part of all three days, with Reid Green, KF6LOK, and Mark

Shapiro, K6OGD, filling in a few hours each. Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO, was team leader.

Gene reports that their main task was to pass scores of the games to the central location, so the event leaders would know who won and thus know who would be in the next round. There were 1,500 kids signed up. This year only a few went to the wrong location and needed to have the radio operators let the personnel at the correct location know they would be late but were on the way. This was a learning experience for several of the RACES Radio Officers, in that this was their first public-service event.

The next public-service event in Fullerton is the DonateLIFE 5K/1K Fun Run on Saturday, April 28, 2007, at CSUF, from 7:00 to 10:00 AM.

County of Orange

Delia Kraft, KF6UYW, Control One Supervising Communications Coordinator, OCSD Operations Support Division, attended our February 5, 2007, RACES meeting, and said she wants to become an active OCRACES member again. We are happy to welcome her aboard, and look forward to seeing her at our meetings.

County of Los Angeles

The annual Los Angeles County DCS (Disaster Communications Service) meeting will be on Monday, March 19, at 1900 hours, at Kenneth Hahn Auditorium, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Station (Lynwood Regional Justice Center), I-105 at Alameda Blvd. The guest speaker will be Kurt Kaplan of the US Weather Service/SKYWARN, speaking about Weather Spotter Training.

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 <i>Monthly Meeting & Weekly Net</i>	6	7	8 <i>EOC Exercise</i>	9	10 <i>RACES Breakfast</i>
11	12 <i>Weekly Net</i>	13	14 <i>SONGS Exercise Dress Rehearsal</i>	15	16	17
18	19 <i>LACDCS Meeting & Weekly Net</i>	20 <i>EOC Exercise</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Weekly Net</i>	27	28	29	30	31

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 5: OCRACES monthly meeting, 7:30 PM, Eckhoff St.
- Mar 8: EOC exercise
- Mar 10: RACES Breakfast, Mimi;s, 8:00 AM
- Mar 14: SONGS exercise dress rehearsal
- Mar 19: Annual LACDCS meeting
- Mar 20: EOC exercise
- Apr 18: SONGS evaluated exercise
- Apr 21-22: Baker-Vegas



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Mission Statement

County of Orange RACES has made a commitment to provide all Public Safety departments in Orange County with the most efficient response possible to supplement emergency/disaster and routine Public Safety communications events and activities. We will provide the highest level of service using Amateur and Public Safety radio resources coupled with technology, teamwork, safety and excellence. We will do so in an efficient, professional and courteous manner, accepting accountability for all actions. We dedicate ourselves to working in partnership with the Public Safety community to professionally excel in the ability to provide emergency communications resources and services.

County of Orange RACES Frequencies:

- 6m: 52.62 MHz output, 52.12 MHz input, 103.5 PL
- 2m: 146.895 MHz output, 146.295 MHz input, 136.5 PL *
- 23cm: 1282.025 MHz output, 1270.025 MHz input, 88.5 PL
- 1.25m: 223.76 MHz output, 222.16 MHz input, 110.9 PL
- 70 cm: 449.180 MHz output, 444.180 MHz input, 107.2 PL

* Primary Net - Mondays, 1900 Hours

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