

Oakland County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp (ARPSC)  
W8OAK Repeaters – 146.900 MHz/100pl & 444.325 MHz/107.2pl  
Weekly 2 meter net 8 pm every Thursday  
Hospital Radio Net – 7:30 pm last Thursday of Month  
Packet 144.950 MHz/1200 baud, connects made with Oakxxx or  
Callsign-# to OAKBBS (W8OAK-3) with nodes at  
OAKNOD (N8NM-1 Pontiac – most coverage),  
OAKEOC (W8OAK-7 at EOC) or K8DTX-7 (White Lake)  
APRS – 144.390 MHz  
Web Site: <http://www.arpesc.com>

### Meeting Minutes for 1 April 2015

On 1 April 2015 at 6:45 pm, Jim Richards - AB8JR, Emergency Coordinator (EC) for the Oakland County ARPSC, called the meeting to order in the Executive Office Building. The order of business included:

**(I). Presentation by Ted Quisenberry, Manager – Oakland County Homeland Security Division:** (A secretary's summary)

Oakland County Homeland Division has been particularly busy since the August 2014 flood and the Presidential Declaration for disaster relief. Recently, there was a presentation to shopping center mall owners regarding terrorist threat considerations and how Oakland County Homeland Division can assist them. The presentation is now being extended to faith centers. Another area of activity involves large group venues such as the Woodward Dream Cruise. It is so easy for just one or several people to do great harm as happened at the Boston Marathon. After 2011, Homeland Security greatly increased its capabilities, such as better sharing of information and resources.

This is where the ARPSC comes in with its communications with severe weather reports, monthly county siren testing, etc. The volunteers may feel they are under-utilized, but be glad there are not a lot of emergencies to be called out. What would be better is to get more real life experience.

Steve Iannucci, 14 years in Homeland Security, is now moving on to a new job. He has been valuable to the ARPSC volunteers and to our organization and has been an excellent ambassador for training and meetings. Two hundred and fifty members is a large group to administer. Fund allocations recently improved ARPSC communications at the EOC. Kevin Scheid is his replacement, a former Madison Heights Fire Chief and former member of the Wayne County Health Department. Tonight's dinner is our appreciation to the ARPSC volunteers.

Currently, the Oakland County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be remodeled and will upgrade its quarters. For example, there will be an improved raised

floor to get rid of exposed electrical and communication cables and cords. Plans are for new exercises and training, including promotion of FEMA training courses 100, 200, 700, 800 and to point out other such courses which could be helpful. Kevin knows about these and will communicating with you in the upcoming months.

**(II). Report from Kevin Scheid, Oakland County Homeland Security Division Specialist - Incident Management Team (IMT):** (Any errors or misinterpretations are the fault of this secretary).

IMT is a wealth of resources that can be utilized in special emergency situations. Kevin is part of the IMT and Oakland County has one of the best trained management teams in the State. Much of their success is due to the efforts of Ted Quisenberry.

How IMT got to this level began with 2011 New York City disaster. They had the best police and fire in the county, but were overwhelmed, including communications and deployment logistics. Incident management teams have come a long way since, and include coordinating personnel from multiple disciplines: fire and rescue, emergency medicine, hazardous materials, law enforcement, emergency management coordination, public works, public health and others.

Local public safety agencies can be easy over-whelmed with an emergency and this is where an IMT can help. The Incident Management Team role, when requested, supports the local jurisdiction and/or agencies in managing an unusually large, complex, or long term emergency incident or event. It uses incident command and incident management standards (NIMS) - command, operations, planning, logistics, intelligence and investigations, finance, and administration. Such a team can also be involved in planning for possible future mass emergencies. The original delegating authority is not given up, but when IMT is used, the team assists putting together emergency support preparations, actions, and coordinates and gets together multiagency teams such as fire, police, etc. The flexibility of the IMT allows personnel to be deployed as a complete team, partial, or individually as the incident warrants. IMTs, when activated, develop the incident action plan that could go on for days.

IMTs in Oakland County use a multi-agency coordination center (MACC). MACC provides local EOCs with resources and information. Incident management has five levels of emergency complexity:

- Type 1: National and State Level: a Federal or State-certified team.
- Type 2: National and State Level. Same, but with less training, staffing and experience than Type 1 IMT and used on a smaller scale.
- Type 3: State, Metropolitan or Defined Area Level: A standing team activated to support incident management which extends beyond one operational period.
- Type 4: City, County, or Fire District Level
- Type 5: Local Village and Township Level

Southeast Michigan is “Type 3” incident management team, representing Monroe, Washtenaw, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair Counties, and Detroit. Oakland County is a “Type 4 team,” represented by fire, law enforcement, emergency management, public health, public works, etc. Oakland County IMTs are activated by contacting Oakland County Sheriff’s Dispatch at 248-858-4911. This summer, local levels and/or Oakland County may be brought into assist scheduled Lutheran Youth events.

IMTs use the Incident Briefing Form (ICS 201) to gather information about what is currently happening, and includes an incident map, current organization, current resource summary, and current actions.

Oakland County has a Communications Support Team (CST), which has a van, and trailer, and other support vehicles. The van has enough room to share space with the ARPC so that they can work together. Their set-up is impressive.

Query: Does Oakland County have fuel resupply truck? Answer, No, such is truck would be ordered locally.

Query: Does Oakland County IMT provide teams with food and team changes? Food is ordered in. Team planning includes 8 hour or more likely 12 hour shifts.

Query: Does the IMT have the capability to repair broken equipment? There should be enough available computers and other equipment to swap out.

Query: What about mutual aid from nearby counties? Yes, but the county with the most assets may carry the heaviest burden. A few counties still have little to assist.

Query: Do we exercise or test with regional response teams? At this point - no.

### **(III).Report from the Emergency Coordinator (EC), Jim Richards - AB8JR:**

Jim thanked Home Security for their excellent support. Steve Iannucci who is moving on to a new job, was presented with HT and mobile dual-band ham radio for his caring and excellent support of our county ARPSC.

Wednesday, 15 April 2015 will be the next Siren Testing at 1 pm in recognition of Severe Weather Awareness Week. There will be no Saturday, 4 April 2015 test. Our March siren test set a record by covering 72 sirens.

OakAlert Emergency Notification System cards were passed to members at the meeting. Please sign up at <http://www.oakgov.com/subscribe/Pages/default.aspx>. From their website: OakAlert is an emergency notification system of extreme incidents in Oakland County. Messages will be limited to imminent or perceived threats to life or

property, disaster notifications, evacuation notices, public health and safety emergencies. OakAlert will use email or text messaging to devices registered online. Steve Iannucci added that Amber Alerts given through this system use an updated system known as the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).

Respectfully submitted,  
James R. Murphy, N8SML  
Secretary, Oakland County, ARPSC, 2 April 2015