

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.arpsc.com>

Meeting Minutes for 2 April 2014

On 2 April 2014 at 7 pm, Jim Richards - AB8JR, Emergency Coordinator (EC) for the Oakland County ARPSC, at the Annual Dinner Meeting called the meeting to order in the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The order of business included:

(I). Report from Steve Iannucci, Homeland Security Division – Oakland County:

The 2nd Siren Test of the year takes place in the middle of next week, 5 April 2014 at 1 pm. More volunteers are needed as there are more sirens to cover.

(II). Report from the Emergency Coordinator (EC), Jim Richards - AB8JR:

The first Siren Test took place on 1 March 2014 and volunteers covered 50 out of 269 sirens. Our newest sirens are mostly in the western and northwestern part of the county, where there are fewer amateur volunteers. Before covering a siren, please first check with your subnet control operator and the website list. Sirens not covered this year should be your first choice. On the website, the first volunteer covering a specific siren will see his call letters placed beside it.

A new siren list is being worked on so volunteers can most easily find locations.

Reports on our 2 meter repeater vary. Its operation seems okay, but there are some complaints at longer distances. The main transmit site is currently running at a low power level.

(III). AEC-Management Team Reports:

(1). Report from Pete Gladysz – K8PGJ, Operations:

Our results for the Michigan QSO Party (19-20 April 2014) are 1295 contacts for about 500,000 points. This placed our ARPSC highest in the EOC category.

(2). Report from Mike Vander Veer – KD8ATK, Net Operations:

Our W8OAK nets are held weekly on Thursday evening at 8 pm. More net control operators are needed. If interested, please contact Mike Vander Veer at kd8atk@wowway.com. He will help with your training.

(IV). Specialty Officer/Coordinator Reports:

(1). Report from Maurice Davidson – K8SJD, National Weather Service Liaison:

So far this year, temperatures have been 8-10 degrees below normal. To break the snowfall record, several more inches of snow are needed.

(IV). Presentation: 51st WMD Civil Support Team (CST) – by Brad Bunch:

The 51st WMD CST, part of Michigan National Guard, has 22 staff members and is based at Ft. Custer. Its primary coverage is in Michigan and is federally funded. Originally designed to handle problems involving weapons of mass destruction (WMD), their mission has expanded to include all hazards. CST's job is to assist, to give advice, and to facilitate such problems. They are usually deployed shortly after an event occurs. Their activation begins with a request from the Michigan National Guard Joint Operations Center, Michigan State Police Emergency Management and/or District Coordinators.

The CST uses the NIMS structure for their operation with a command level to direct operations, logistics, communications, medical, and survey. At a problem site, they typically conduct site assessments, atmospheric hazard modeling, collect samples, analyze unknown substances, establish and maintain an operations center, establish communications, provide medical advice, and provide training. What they don't do includes medical treatment of the public, search and rescue, explosive ordinance disposal, and long term problems.

They have a Suburban and a ten ton truck outfitted for onsite communications. They are equipped to use a wide variety of communications, including HF, VHF, and UHF frequency bands. Other equipment includes portable digital telephones, mobile cell phones, INMARSAT + Iridium, KU Band Satellite, Video Teleconference, Motorola Point-to-Point. They can set up temporary phone and data services for local and state government operations whose communications have been lost. Several of their Michigan deployments include 2004 Kazoo paper plant with suspicious crystals in a cache; 2006 East Tawas ammonium nitrate pills discovered; 2010 Enbridge oil spill in Marshall; 2011 Ann Arbor Hospital problem with a man emitting phosgene gas; and 2011 Detroit metro area well believed to be poisoned.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Murphy, N8SML

Secretary, Oakland County, ARPSC, 3 April 2014