

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 2 October 2013**

On 2 October 2013 at 7 pm, Jim Richards - AB8JR, Emergency Coordinator (EC) for the Oakland County ARPSC, 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:**

This was a busy summer and activity is now dwindling. Yesterday's damage assessment exercise had members from the ARPSC assisting communications. Any Oakland County ARPSC member needing an ID card, please let Steve know.

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

Our two meter repeater is back on the water tower site. It has a new antenna and cables, but receive reception is not as good. Possibly, the problem is a connection. Steve Murphy will send a tech to review this, as well as problems with the Addison and Davisburg receive sites.

OAKBOA/IMT SET: BOA stands for Building Officials Association (BOA) and IMT for Incident Management Team and SET for stimulated test exercise. This exercise involved several County resources including the IMT (Incident Management Team) which is comprised of individuals from a variety of disciplines from numerous municipalities throughout the County. This team is usually activated when the scope of an incident exceeds the resources of any individual municipality's ability to respond.

OAKBOA'S role in the drill was to carry out damage assessment duties resulting from the incident's scenario under the direction of the Incident Management Team which is in command of the total scene and utilizes ICS (Incident Command System) protocol in its operations.

This took place Tuesday, 1 October 2013 with ARPSC volunteers supporting communications. Participants included Oakland County Health Department, water resources, fire and hazmat, Health Department, Environmentalists.

SET scenario was a line of storms having 2 tornados touching down for 2-6 miles within the county. One tornado hit a key dam which held back waters from several lakes. SET Location was OCC CREST facility at Auburn Hills. CREST facility (Combined Regional Emergency Services Training) is a simulated city having actual houses, rooms, beds, gas station, bank with an ATM, school, fire house, roads, and operating traffic light.

The EOC was fully activated and building officials were deployed to do damage assessments. IMT was fully activated. Assessments were made of communications provided by the ARPSC. Communications between various county groups were tested, as well as a "photogeo" tagging process to support damage assessment. Testing also included the activation procedure, credentialing of everyone involved, software, equipment and more. Lessons observed were reviewed.

The Brooksie Way Half Marathon, 10K, and 5 K race took place Sunday morning, 29 September 2013. Present at this race was the Oakland County IMT Command Vehicle (Incident Mobile Team) which has a fully functioning dispatch center with communication support team. It has a variety of radio transceivers, including HF, VHF/UHF, handhelds, a portable repeater, and the ability to become a communication distribution center.

Our ARPSC was part of this and mounted a 2 meter antenna 20 feet up on one end of the Sheriff's Command Vehicle. A total of 15 ARPSC volunteers covered the race and used 2 meter simplex. Toughest location for communication was mile 5.5 where simplex communications were marginal. There was only one emergency off road on Paint Creek Trail at mile 7 where a runner needed evacuation.

Lessons learned: Tactical call signs were not used this time, but upon reviewing, they would be more useful in real live situations. We should expect to encounter different operational protocols when we are working with different groups. We need to adjust and adapt when this happens. Be prepared with equipment, weather conditions, and personal needs. Expect radio traffic to be heavy. Expect difficult communicating conditions. Attend briefings. Always remember that we are there to serve and assist their operations.

Some situations require two or more nets; locally using simplex and the other using a repeater to cover a wider territory. In order to do this, 3 net control operators are best and more ARPSC members need to be trained. Volunteers need to know that net control's response could be delayed at any time due to multiple same-time demands. Be patient when this happens. These exercises help to bring everybody

together and better prepare us. Steve Iannucci reported that the after action reports indicated communications went well for our organization at both the Brooksie Way Run and OAKBOA/IMT SET.

On Saturday 12 October 2013, there will be a District 2 EC Meeting. Topics will be Aux Comm (Auxiliary Communications), need for frequency allocations between counties, planning for large scale emergency communication operations, and a common minimum educational requirement for RACES card eligibility.

There will be Region 2 South disaster classes; 4 with basic disaster and 1 advanced, free of cost. These classes will be designed to develop “commonalty” in disaster response. Check with Jim Richards – AB8JR for dates, location, and where to register.

FOLLOW UP NOTE: Jim Aitken (KD8ROT) followed up on the Disaster class details and provided this via email:

*“I spoke to Amy Shedu who is the coordinator for the BDLS course. She is aware of the Oakland ARPSC and its many activities. The course was redesigned last year so it is less focused on medical issues and more focused on incident command and the response activities related to nuclear, bio, terrorist, and other sorts of emergencies. She felt it would be a very good overview/review for ARPSC, firefighters, police, etc.*

*Given that, I will sign up and maybe there are others you want to further inform about the course. In addition to the November 7 date, it will be offered 3 more times during the current budget year. **Attendees must register thru the NDLS.org site.**”*

Certificates were passed out to those members who took the CPR – AED (cardiopulmonary resuscitation – automated external defibrillator) class. If there is enough interest for another class, at least 10 attendees, we will try to schedule another session.

### **(III). Presentation – Membership Data Update and New Online System by Ron Miotke – WD8MNX.**

Credentialing and updating of our membership list is one of Ron’s jobs. It is a never ending job to know who is active and emails, phone numbers, addresses, and education courses are current. A list will be passed to members at meetings to check the accuracy of their information.

Our arpsc.com website will have a new format with a cleaner looking front page. As a content management system, it will enable more than one individual to upload information to it, not just a webmaster. Example: Secretary can directly upload approved minutes directly to the website.

Query: What happens to those members without computers? Answer: Arrangements can be made to help.

#### **(IV). AEC-Management Team Reports:**

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

Pete thanks the volunteers who assisted on the SET and Brooksie Way Run.

2014 Sno\*Drift Rally will be held 24-25 January at Atlanta, Michigan. See Pete to volunteer or volunteer to Barb Steencken at [www.sno-drift.org](http://www.sno-drift.org). Pete is in charge of communications. Let them know if you can come up for one or two days.

##### **(2). Report from Jim Richards – AB8Jr for Mike Vander Veer – KD8ATK, Net Operations:**

Our W8OAK nets are held weekly on Thursday evening at 8 pm. As many as six additional net control operators are needed. It is easy and a lot of fun. If interested, please contact Mike Vander Veer or Jim Richards – AB8JR. Email to Mike is [kd8atk@wowway.com](mailto:kd8atk@wowway.com). They will help with your training.

##### **(3). Report from Lloyd Suter – N2NGQ, Training/VE Testing:**

Lloyd is planning new IS-100, IS-200, and IS-700 classes. Jim Richards – AB8JR points out that training educates us to understand the Incident Command System (ICS) and how we can best assist. So getting IC-100, 200, 700 should be on every member's "to do" list. These courses serve what we do. When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, there wasn't a true ICS system in place and this caused trouble and delays. Under the Constitution, Federal government can't come in without a State's permission.

#### **(V). Specialty Officer/Coordinator Reports:**

##### **(1). Report from on Sirens from Dave Roberts – KD8RDG:**

The next siren test will be Saturday, 5 October 2013. Of the remaining 68 sirens not yet checked this year, one of them is new. Fifty-nine are in northern Oakland County. The SE Quadrant has only 8 sirens left, so it is hoped that volunteers from here will drive to one in northern Oakland County. Please go to the appropriate subnet coordinator for assignments. Siren subnet frequencies and a list of sirens needing first time coverage can be found on our website – [arpsc.com](http://arpsc.com).

Northeast Area Subnet is on USECA 147.180/100Hz with Brad Maney - KD8QPF subnet controller. Email is [b.maney61@yahoo.com](mailto:b.maney61@yahoo.com)

Northwest Area Subnet is on the Clarkston 146.840/100Hz with Greg Siemasz, W8VIJ subnet controller. Email is [siemasz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siemasz@sbcglobal.net)

Southeast Area Subnet is on the DART 146.640/100Hz with Marsha Fleming N8FE. Email is [n8fe@arrl.net](mailto:n8fe@arrl.net).

Southwest Area Subnet is on the Novi Repeater 444.800/110.9Hz with Rick Redoute WA8UMT. Email is [rredoute@twmi.rr.com](mailto:rredoute@twmi.rr.com).

**(2). Report from Jim Richards – AB8JR for Mark Schurig – KC8WPS, Hospital Communication Teams:**

The following hospital nets are officially changed, as follows:

October 2013 Net will be 7:30 pm Thursday, 24 October 2013 instead of the week following which is Devil's Night (Halloween).

November 2013 Net will be 7:30 pm Thursday, 21 November 2013 instead of the week following which is Thanksgiving.

December 2013 Net will be 7:30 pm Thursday, 19 December 2013 instead of the week following which is the day after Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,  
James R. Murphy, N8SML  
Secretary, Oakland County, ARPSC, 3 October 2013