



Southern Humboldt Amateur Radio Club



August 2004 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2004 fall SHARC Newsletter. We have had many requests for a newsletter and hope that you will enjoy this one. When we produce a Newsletter it will be posted on the website, WWW.SHARC-CA.org. If you have e-mail please send your email address to nwilson@asis.com or gary@masspec.com for further communications. If you do not have e-mail please let me know at 707-923-2407 so information can be mailed to you when available.
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The 2004 Nominating Committee consists of Jack Foster KM6TE, Sally Cambel KF6FOL, and Dave Davidson KG6UCF. Please send your ideas to this committee.

At the September SHARC meeting "on the air" we will have a call sign call in. -----Once this call in is called and responded to Jack will turn on the PL and ask those who called in to respond. This is a vital way of learning how to communicate with each other.

SHARC wishes to thank Garberville Rotary for their donation of \$1500 to buy equipment for the new Command Center at CDF. With some of the Rotary money we were able to buy two solar panels for our newest project, taking over the responsibility for the Grasshopper Station Southwest of Weott. They will be installed very soon. This Station will enable HAM's to call through to Eureka, a new skill for us.

As part of the Southern Humboldt Emergency Preparedness Team several of us met at the CDF Fire Station on Alderpoint Road, July 30th. Jim Robertson, Garberville Fire Chief gave us a briefing of the Command Post there and what responsibilities HAM operations could have in case of an emergency. We could be called two ways: 1. If the Board of Supervisors declared an emergency or 2. if OES or CHF needed volunteer assistance. The areas of activity would be in the Logistics division as Status Reporters, Communications and Incident Dispatchers. Emergencies have specific protocols that are followed. The Supervisors notify OES and the Sheriff's department. They in turn notify the fire-chiefs who notify the HAMS. We have three local OES coordinators: Jerry Wilson KF6IBP, Jack Foster KM6TE and Tim Olson Beginnings Fire-chief. A logistics chief would be appointed and would be our boss. Specific areas that we might handle are 1. keeping a station log of activities, 2. Keeping an Incident Check in List and being runners in big incidents, communication with various agencies for supplies and equipment. A FOG Operations Guide will be available in the Command Center plus a communications desk and telephones. There is a radio, packet station and computer there. We were given "Clear Text Words and Phrases" that will be posted on the wall for our use. They are as follows:

CLEAR TEXT WORDS AND PHRASES

Unreadable: Used when signal received is not clear Try to add the specific trouble, EX. Unreadable background noise."

Loud and clear: Self explanatory

Stop Transmitting: Self explanatory

Copy, copies: Used to acknowledge message received. Unit radio id must also be used. Ex: "Engine 2563,copies."

Affirmative: Yes

Negative: No

Respond, Responding: Used during dispatch proceed to or proceeding to an incident. Ex "Engine 1178 respond . ." or St. Helena, Engine 1475 responding."

Enroute: Normally used by administrative or staff personnel to designate destination Enroute is not a substitute for responding.

In-quarters with Station name or number: Used to indicate that a unit is in a station. Ex: "Oroville Engine 2176 in-quarters, Jarbo Gap Station"

Uncovered: Indicates a unit is not In-service, because there are no personnel to operate it,

Out-of-service: Indicates a unit is mechanically out of service, When repairs have been completed the following phrase should be used: "Redding, Engine 2460, back. in-service, available."

In-service: This means that the unit is operating, not in response to a dispatch. Ex: "Fortuna Engine 1283 in-service, fire prevention inspections."

Repeat. Self explanatory

Weather Self explanatory

Return to _____ Normally used by ECC to direct units that are available to a station or other location

What is your location: Self explanatory

Call _____ by phone: Self explanatory

Disregard last message: Self explanatory

Standby: Self explanatory

Vehicle registration check: Self explanatory

Is _____ available for a phone call?: Self explanatory

At Scene: Used when unit arrives at the scene of an incident.

Available: Used when a unit is ready for a new assignment or can return to quarters. The ECC will give the unit a new assignment or direct it to return to quarters

Available at Scene: Used when a unit Is still committed to an incident, but could be dispatched to new emergency if needed

Available at Residence, Used by administrative or staff personnel to indicate they are available and oncall at their residence,

Can Handle: Used when the amount of equipment needed to handle the incident is at scene. Ex: "Susanville, Battalion 2212 can handle with units at scene

Burning Operation: Self explanatory

Report on Conditions: Self explanatory

Fire Under Control: Self explanatory

Emergency Traffic Only: Radio users will confine all radio traffic to an emergency in progress or a new incident, Radio traffic that includes status information such as responding, reports on conditions and at scene or available will all be authorized during this period.

Emergency Traffic: Term used to gain control of a radio frequency to report an emergency All other radio users will refrain from using that frequency until cleared for use by an ECC.

Resume Normal Traffic Self explanatory

A copy of the June and July SHARC Minutes is shown here for your information. These minutes appear on our Website. We will mail them upon request.

For those of you who listen in on the Monday Night Net 149.79 a new preamble is enclosed. Post it near your radio and volunteer to read it on a Monday Night. We all enjoy hearing from new and old members alike.

Enclosed is a current SHARC membership list. We appreciate all of the new and renewing members who have supported SHARC. We have the largest membership in a long time and we hope it helps with disaster preparedness, homeland security and local emergency issues.

Lamar's article on radio programming also follows: