

MESN AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR THE MASS CARE EXERCISE AUG24 2016

The exercise started for the MESN portion of the exercise at 1300 utc and ended at 1600 utc. There were a total of 49 stations logged in and 10 messages were passed during that time.

Breakdown of stations checking in:

MESN NCS	7
SEMA	1
JC RING	2
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES	3
EC & EOC /EMA	12
MESN MEMBER STATIONS	24

PROS:

Band conditions were poor at best but relays and hard work by all allowed all of the messages we received to be passed to the proper destination.

As always the best laid plans were modified on the fly to suit the conditions and all participants did remarkably well improvising when necessary

The professionalism and cooperation by all was second to none. All stations followed instructions well and that made things go very smoothly.

The number of stations standing by for the duration of the exercise was outstanding and exhibited the tenacity of all volunteers. They are to be congratulated that is for sure.

CONS:

The number of health care facilities that checked in was disappointing. Where was DHSS and others?

We need to help in some way the EOC's improve their hf reliability. We do understand many have less than optimal locations etc but improvement is desperately needed in this area.

SEMA needs better hf capability. Their signal was poor at best. We do understand that they have many modes but can they be sure they will not fail at sometime?

A real concern is our ability to sustain prolonged operations with our current number of available stations and we plan to continue improving as we go.

Again I would like to thank all of the participating stations and personnel for their hard work and cooperation. Each and everyone no matter what what mode they were using made this successful. Each and every time we do this we learn how to better ourselves in emergency communications.

Respectfully

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