

# Annual City/County RACES & MOU ACS Exercise

## Exercise Overview

This is the plan for the 2009 City/County RACES & MOU ACS exercise. Please note that we have modified the name of this exercise to include reference to the growing number of MOU organizations that have partnered with us in providing communications support to public safety and the community. By conducting this drill as an ACS exercise, we will be able to include all designated participants without the strict regulations mandated by FCC RACES rules. This means that all designated participants will be able to communicate directly with each other regardless of whether or not an MOU exists. Orange County RACES will be the coordinating agency for this ACS exercise. It is our hope that conducting the exercise in this manner will promote more communication between all participants. **Please let us know if your organization will be participating and in what modes you will participate (Voice, SSTV, ATV, PSK31, Winlink).** You can let us know by replying to this email or sending your response to [ocraces@comm.ocgov.com](mailto:ocraces@comm.ocgov.com). We look forward to your participation, and thank you in advance for your commitment to emergency communications!

The annual City/County RACES & MOU exercise is Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 0900 until 1100 hours. County of Orange RACES, City RACES organizations, and MOU organizations such as the Hospital Disaster Support Communications System (HDSCS), Red Cross Communications and SKYWARN traditionally participate using radio equipment from their Emergency Operations Centers (EOC).

The focus of this exercise will be communicating by voice, primarily between your EOC and all surrounding city EOC's and secondarily, the County EOC. OCRACES will also be deploying their Emergency Response Vehicle to Craig Regional Park for this exercise. Those organizations that wish to test PSK31, WinLink, ATV and/or SSTV may also do so. A separate document will contain the procedures for ATV and/or SSTV.

## Communications Plan

All communicators need to ensure that they have current frequency information to enable communication with the other participating organizations during this exercise. The frequency plan for this exercise is as follows:

- City/County RACES to City RACES Voice: Utilize Primary Frequency as published in the January 2009 *Official RACES Guidebook*.
- City RACES to County RACES Voice - Primary: 52.62 (-) 103.5 Hz
- City RACES to County RACES Voice - Secondary: 146.895 (-) 136.5 Hz
- City RACES to HDSCS Voice - Primary: 146.970 (-) 136.5 Hz \*Note: HDSCS may direct you to another frequency using the "frequency numbers" as shown on page 5 in the January 2009 *Official RACES Guidebook*.
- WINLINK – RMS Callsign – W6ACS-1  
Frequency 1: 145.05 at 1,200 Baud  
Frequency 2: 431.100 at 9,600 Baud

## **Exercise Scenario**

The scenario for this exercise will be widespread civil unrest and gang uprisings resulting from a spiraling economic depression exacerbated by an extreme heat wave. Considering the scenario for this exercise, please prepare messages ahead of time that reflect the possible needs public safety might have such as shootings, fires, traffic gridlock, looting, road closures, rescue operations, shelter needs, potable water procurement, hospital damage, etc. Also, any resources your city can offer such as care & shelter facilities or police/fire/public works personnel and equipment. Having these messages already prepared will help expedite the flow of radio traffic during the two-hour exercise. The FEMA ICS 213 General Message Form should be utilized by all participants in this drill, and will help to ensure common radio traffic passing techniques. The form can be downloaded from the County of Orange RACES web page, <http://www.ocraces.org>.

## **Participant Expectations**

Additional messages and/or additional contacts are certainly welcome but at a minimum, each participating organization should prepare messages to be sent in accordance with the outline below:

### **City RACES:**

- **One message from each City RACES to County RACES.**
- **Three messages from each City RACES to at least four other Cities.**
- **One message from City RACES to HDSCS.**
- **One email from City RACES to County RACES ([RACES.EOC@ocgov.com](mailto:RACES.EOC@ocgov.com)) if possible.**

### **MOU Organizations:**

- **One message from HDSCS to Red Cross.**
- **One message from HDSCS to County EOC.**
- **One message from HDSCS to at least four Cities.**
- **One message from Red Cross to County EOC.**
- **One message from Red Cross to HDSCS.**
- **One message from Red Cross to at least four Cities.**
- **One email from Red Cross to County RACES ([RACES.EOC@ocgov.com](mailto:RACES.EOC@ocgov.com)) if possible.**
- **One message from SKYWARN to County EOC.**
- **One message from SKYWARN to Red Cross.**
- **One message from SKYWARN to at least four Cities.**
- **One email from SKYWARN to County RACES ([RACES.EOC@ocgov.com](mailto:RACES.EOC@ocgov.com)) if possible.**

### **County RACES:**

- **One message from County RACES to each City RACES.**
- **One message from County RACES to HDSCS.**
- **One message from County RACES to SKYWARN.**
- **One message from County RACES to State OES.**
- **One message from County RACES to at least one neighboring County if directed by OES.**
- **One message from County RACES to Red Cross.**

## Participating Organizations

Organization	Participating Yes/No	Mode(s) of participation			
		Voice	ATV/SSTV	Winlink	PSK-31
American Red Cross/Orange County	Yes	X			
Anaheim RACES	Yes	X			
<b>Brea RACES</b>					
<b>Buena Park RACES</b>					
Costa Mesa RACES	Yes	X	X		
<b>Dana Point RACES</b>					
Fountain Valley RACES	Yes	X			
Fullerton RACES	Yes	X			
HDSCS	Yes	X			
Huntington Beach RACES	Yes	X	X		
Irvine RACES	Yes	X	X		
<b>La Palma RACES</b>					
<b>Laguna Beach RACES</b>					
<b>Laguna Niguel RACES</b>					
Laguna Woods RACES	Yes	X			X
Los Alamitos RACES	Yes	X			Maybe
<b>Mission Viejo RACES</b>					
Newport Beach RACES	Yes	X		X	
Orange RACES	No				
Orange County RACES	Yes	X	X	X	X
Placentia RACES	Yes	X			
<b>Santa Ana RACES</b>					
<b>San Clemente RACES</b>					
San Juan Capistrano RACES					
Seal Beach RACES	Yes	X	X	X	
<b>SKYWARN</b>					
Westminster RACES	Yes	X			