
Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Topic: Handling Ham SUVs in Cupertino -- Update

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Background

What's been done to date

- Presentation on Handling Spontaneous Volunteer Ham Operators.
- Received good feedback from several members on ideas on how to address ham SUVs.
- Bill KD6TQJ compiled the input and developed a series of recommendations on what CARES should do.
- Identified specific changes to be developed.

What's next to do

- Develop procedural, responsibility, training, changes for CARES and Cupertino OES.

Recommendations

1. Train CARES members in techniques for maintaining net discipline, and priority message control with a large number of stations on frequency.
2. Modify NCO scripts to address handling spontaneous volunteers.
3. Directions for initially using spontaneous volunteers (report observations only).
4. Establish a Resource Net – handles un-assigned CARES and unregistered SUVs
5. Quick Training package for SUVs
6. Communications to non-CARES members: Cupertino Scene, mass-mailings, etc.
7. Develop a procedure for SUV intake, training, and registration.
8. Update CARES members on procedural changes.

Implementation highlights

1. Establish a new CARES response position of Resource Coordinator...
 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - Certification
2. CARES operational changes
 - Confirm staffing source priorities
 - Develop procedural changes to support a Resource Net separate from the Emergency Message Net
 - Define emergency responder resource management procedures (shift planning, Resource Net management, SUV training, etc.)
3. Cupertino OES changes
 - OES to recommend the City staff a City Volunteer Coordinator (screening, training, registration, etc.).
4. Cupertino ham operator communications
 - Cupertino Scene (planned for February)
 - Massing mailing; letter, reference card

Resource Coordinator

Roles and Responsibilities

First DRAFT

1. Maintaining up-to-date information on available licensed radio amateur people resources. Data that needs to be recorded is training certification status, DSW registration status, available equipment, field assignment limitations, time available limitations, special skills (may be added to Membership Officer).
2. Fill field assignments based on Shift Supervisor defined requirements.
3. Run the resource net, track net participants, provide directions to SUVs on how they can participate.
4. Maintain an appropriate log of all actions, resource changes, shift changes.
5. Others?

