Creek Watch Comm Exercise

Saratoga Creek, VOICE OPS (#10)

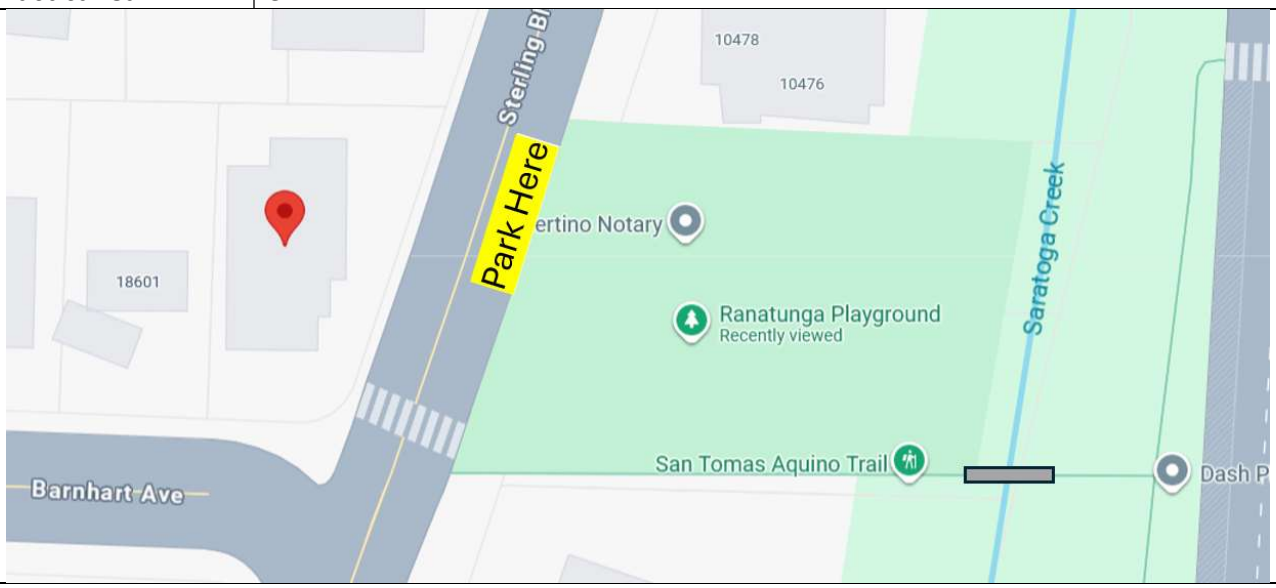
The following information is for your consideration during this drill.

Station Type:	Voice Operations
General Situation:	Following several days of heavy rainfall, Saratoga Creek is carrying substantial runoff from the Santa Cruz Mountains. Although the creek has historically experienced flooding during major winter storms, recent creek maintenance and flood protection improvements have reduced some of the vulnerabilities. Nevertheless, continued heavy rainfall has resulted in elevated creek levels throughout the watershed. Unlike the other creek assignments, this is the only Cupertino Saratoga Creek observation point being staffed. No upstream reports are available. If you are the first to arrive, start an ICS 211 Check-in list.

VOICE STATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Your assignment is as follows:

Event:	Cupertino Creek Watch
Assignment	Saratoga Creek at Set GPS to 10485 Sterling Blvd Report creek conditions
Parking:	Street parking in the vicinity of the Sterling Barnhart Park (Ranatunga Playground)
Access:	Observe from the park or footbridge over the creek
Assignment:	Voice operator to communicate with Cupertino EOC.
Electrical Power:	It appears to be on.
Operational Period:	11/07/2026, 08:00 to 11/07/2026, 12:00
Supervisor/Contact:	Ken Ericksen (remote)
Your Tactical Call:	**SARA 1**



Messages will come to you either from your personal observations or from any other responder to this location. All messages are Informal Message.

1. Assignments like this make you the “eyes and ears” for Cupertino EOC.
2. Send **ALL** voice messages to the Cupertino EOC.
3. State that all messages are **DRILL TRAFFIC**.
4. Update your ICS 214 Unit Log and ICS 309 Communications Log.
5. **!!! WAIT FOR NCO TO ASK FOR THE ½ HOUR REPORTS !!!**

Send Time	Message
NOW!	1. Check in to the Message Net when you are operational.
09:00	2. You arrive at the pedestrian bridge at the Sterling Barnhart Park. Saratoga Creek is carrying a substantial volume of water and is flowing rapidly through the channel with considerable surface turbulence. The water level is about 2-feet below the underside of the pedestrian bridge. No significant debris accumulation or obstruction is visible. The creek remains within its banks.
09:30	3. The creek continues flowing rapidly beneath the pedestrian bridge. The water level remains at about 2-feet below the underside of the bridge. Small branches, leaves, and vegetation are floating downstream, but no significant debris accumulation is visible. Looking south toward the Santa Cruz Mountains, you notice dark storm clouds over the foothills. Rain appears to be falling in the distance.
10:00	4. The creek water level has increased slightly since the previous observation. The water is now about 1-1/2-feet below the underside of the pedestrian bridge. Flow remains rapid, with visible turbulence. You notice a small area of soil erosion developing along the opposite creek bank with a section of exposed soil appears to have washed away, leaving a fresh area of bare earth. Small branches and leaves continue moving downstream. No large obstructions are visible.
10:30	5. The creek water level has increased substantially. Water is now about 1-foot below the underside of the pedestrian bridge. Flow is rapid and turbulent. The area of erosion on the opposite bank appears larger than during the previous observation. Looking toward Lawrence Expressway, you notice standing water accumulating along the roadway near the creek. Water appears to be spreading along the edge of the road. From where you are, you cannot tell whether the water is coming from the Creek, storm drainage, or another source. No large obstruction is visible in the creek.
11:00	6. The creek has continued to rise. Water is now reaching the pedestrian bridge deck and beginning to flow across a portion of the walking surface. Small branches and other debris are passing beneath the bridge. The creek is extremely turbulent near the crossing. The previously observed bank erosion remains visible, although conditions make it difficult to assess whether additional erosion has occurred. Water is still visible along Lawrence Expressway. Because the pedestrian bridge is becoming inundated, you back up into the

	park to a safer location. From this new position, you can still observe portions of the creek but can no longer clearly see the upstream bank erosion.
11:15	7. Notify Net Control you are shutting down. Stay on the net and return to Staging.