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The Newsletter of the Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

January, 2017

Meetings

Multnomah County ARES

Every 4th Thursday
7:00 P.M.

Portland Fire & Rescue CTR
4800 NE 122nd Avenue, Portland
<http://www.multnomahares.org/>

PARC Meeting

Every 4th Friday
7:30 P.M.

One Liberty Center
650 NE Holladay Street, Portland
<http://www.w7lt.org/>

HARC Meeting

Every 3rd Thursday
Mount Hood Comm. College
Room 1001
<http://www.wb7qiw.org/>



Digital Kit travels to PBEM

Nets

Multnomah Co. ARES Net

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.
146.84 (no Tone)

Digital Modes Training Net

First Tuesday 8:00 P.M.
443.300 Mhz (PL Tone 100.0)

MCARES Traffic Training Net

Second and fourth Tuesdays
8:00 P.M. 147.180 (PL tone
103.5)
Net Manager: Eli W7ELI

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 26: General Meeting: 2017 updates, ICS forms and logging.

Saturday, Jan. 28: BEECN Drill at PBEM Bravo Team

Saturday, Feb. 18: Salem Hamfair & Computer/Electronics Swapmeet: Polk County Fairgrounds

Saturday, Feb. 11: Team Drill: Charlie and Alpha Teams

News from Around The County By: Deb KK7DEB

Thanks to everyone who responded to the annual survey. The leadership team meeting in December reviewed and tried to address your requests and suggestions. The calendar is attached to the email and reflects many of your requests for more training and additional certification opportunities. The new monthly team drills are small scale exercises involving two teams. There are designed to give everyone more experience with our served agencies and field operations.



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On January 7th we were informed that Multnomah County EM and Portland EM were opening a joint ECC for weather issues at the PBEM ECC. It seemed like a great opportunity to show our abilities with a quickly put together MMSSTV demonstration. Adam took our new digital go kit to PBEM and 8 of our members were able to send images from their homes of the current snow fall and conditions. The pretty cool part is that the pictures were uploaded to WebEOC and displayed on the map using the GPS coordinates embedded on the photos. The Portland EM staff had their first look at this ham radio technology and seemed pretty impressed.

Robert WX5TEX will be leading the Q and A sessions at 6:15 PM prior to our monthly meetings. Bring your questions and he will help you get the answers. New members are encouraged to attend also.

Nate will be reviewing the changes for 2017 and he will cover logging and ICS forms with us all at the January 26th meeting. Hope to see everyone there!

orange Go-Kit will be available for those needing a higher powered radio.

The Digital net has been very successful and several members are gaining expertise in sending images both with sound card (Signalink) and acoustic coupling, which only requires a radio and a smart phone. The Open Camera app for Android smartphones and Solocator for iPhones are camera apps that can embed GPS coordinates as well as time/date stamp onto the image. GPS coordinates must be included for images to be of any use to Emergency Management. Both apps are free. The DroidSSTV app for Android smartphones costs \$6.99 and is what most of the smartphone users are using to send pictures from our phones, iPhone also has an app for this. You just hold the phone to the radio, hold down the PTT and send. You can check into the net for help in setting these up.

The THTN net is gaining ground. We had 18 checkins on our last net and sent two ICS 213s and a radiogram and got lots of questions answered. You can go to the MCARES website under the Training tab to find sample 213s to practice sending on the net, or compose your own NTS Radiogram.

(Remember that we need to see you 4 times per year to retain “Active status”). We would love to continue to grow and expand our capabilities so for 2017 let’s keep the drive alive!

Training News

Steve AF7DD is stepping back from the Training Manager position, so once again I am filing that role. Thanks to Steve for all his service and hard work this past year. Steve will still be around and has some other projects he will continue to work on.

This year’s training calendar has been built around the needs of the county and the requests of our membership from the fall survey. We are only including training subjects pertinent to our ARES mission and so some of the requests have not been addressed. We do not use D-Star, IRLP or Echolink. Those interested in these modes can seek information of these subjects from the local clubs, Google and YouTube and the many ARRL publications and o-line resources.

Portland Bureau of Emergency Management has many excellent resources on their website regarding personal, family and neighborhood disaster preparedness. It is each ARES member’s responsibility to be as prepared as is possible and reasonable so that you and your family will be safe, and you will be able to serve when needed.

MCARES Net News

We will no longer be passing around a sign-up sheet for net control at the monthly meetings. Instead, each team will be assigned a month. This will give more folks a chance and we hope that every member will do it at least once. If you want help or moral support for your first time, just ask your team leader. An

Membership News By Deb KK7DEB

Join me in welcoming our newest members: Kathi KA7TND, Barney KD2VB and Dan N7CQR

Our membership drive for 2016 brought us 35 new ARES members! This brings our total membership to 87. Of the 87 members we have 72 which are “Active Members”.

Other Nets

District 1 ARES Net

Daily at 7:30 P.M.

147.320 MHz (PL Tone 100.0) and
147.040 MHz (PL Tone 100) MC 6



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NTTN

Daily 6:05 P.M.

145.27, 145.43, 145.47, 146.80,
442.875 & 442.275 All with PL Tone
of 107.2

Portland NET Net

Sunday 8:00 P.M.

147.040 MHz (PL Tone 100)

Email Focus Groups

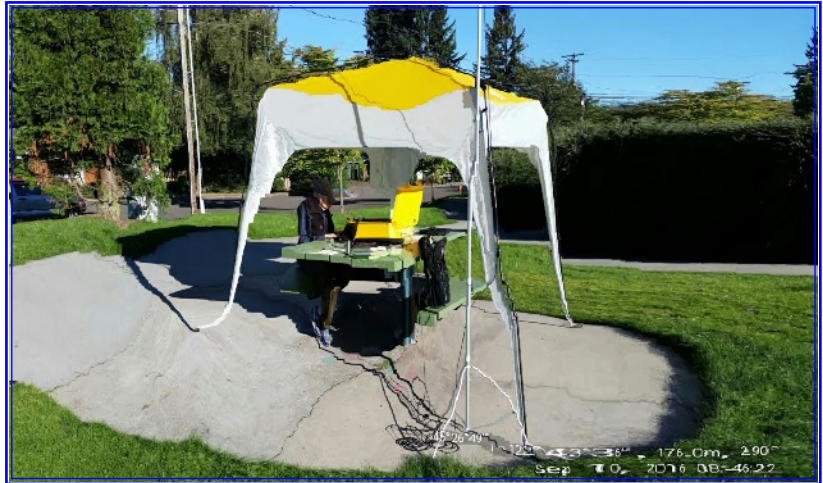
For questions from new or
prospective
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For digital Net questions and
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DIGITALNETMANAGER@mult



MMSSTV Drill



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