

RACES General Meeting

January 18, 2011

- **Participation Requirements**

- Larry Eker told the members present that the Letter explaining minimum participation requirements of RACES members went out in the mail the first of January.
 - Attend a minimum of two RACES General Meetings per year.
 - Check into a minimum of one RACES Net per Calendar Quarter.
 - Attend one National Weather Service Severe Weather Seminar per year.
- Requirements became effective January 1, 2011.
- Anyone that is unable to meet the requirements are asked to contact the Chief Radio Officer.

- **Weather Seminars**

- Wyandotte County – KCK Weather Seminar will be at Kansas City, Kansas Community College – Thursday, March 24, 2011.
- Advanced Weather Seminar in Lawrence, Kansas – will be held on Saturday, March 19th.
 - People need to register for the seminar in Lawrence, but Emergency Management will cover the costs.
 - Lunch will be at the Barbeque restaurant after the seminar again this year.

- **Big Red Bees / GPS**

- Larry Eker has been working with Matt May & Brian Short on getting Big Red Bees for the Weather Spotters.
 - They are currently working on getting quotes for the specific modifications requested.
 - All equipment for the “Bees” – including the ability to charge the devices – will be inside individual Pelican cases.
 - Wyandotte County RACES is expecting to receive 5 “Bees.”
 - Money was specifically set-aside from a grant to cover this expense.
 - We’re getting a lot of support for this endeavor – for the safety of our Storm Spotters.

- **Health Department Exercise**

- Health Department is preparing for a Regional Exercise (Kansas & Missouri) to be held week of April 18, 2011.
 - Scenario – Anthrax exposure

- Exercise to cover 3 weekdays
 - RACES participation will be for only April 19th.
- Plans are still being made & discussed – not a lot of information available at this time.
- RACES will be responsible for all radio communications for the Health Department
 - Ham radio
 - Digital radio
 - 800 MHz

- **RACES team members would like to evaluate MT-63 on FM**
 - Need to pick a frequency -
 - 146.460 MHz for MT-63 testing.
 - Will test MT-63 1000
 - Ed Rust will begin running a digital net on Monday nights immediately following the RACES voice net.

- **Future training for RACES General Meetings.**
 - February – Review WebEOC
 - March – ICS forms training
 - ICS 214, ICS 309 & ICS Message forms.

- **Meeting ended with presentations on Antenna Theory**
 - Presentations by Helen Marie Fotovich & Mikey Kampmeier