

RACES General Meeting

September 20, 2011

- **Installing a HF Antenna at EOC**

- A G5RV was installed today diagonally across grassy knoll above man entry/garage door off parking area.
- Can use all frequencies from the EOC now. Thank you to Ed Rust, Joe Krout, and Glen Dikes for helping with the installation.
- It has been determined that unless we can put an antenna on top of heliport we will not have much luck with any other installation options.
 - There is too much metal on top of City Hall which will interfere with other types of antenna installations.
- As long as it is not highly visible to the public entering the building it should be acceptable.
- The installation of the HF antenna should be considered a permanent installation.
- Were able to contact stations throughout Europe on digital radio from the EOC.
- Ed Rust monitored from his house after the installation of the new antenna was complete.
 - Stations from throughout the state of Kansas were reporting good copy.
- Larry Eker reported that he would still need help pulling cables under the flooring in the EOC to finish everything up before the Oct 1st SET.

- **MECC Exercise – October 1st, 2011**

- RACES will be operating out of EOC.
- RACES/EOC and CERT will be operating 2 entirely separate drills at the same time.
- Area hospitals are wanting to be involved in this drill.
- Only digital operations that we are aware of at this time will be APRS messaging.
- The RACES/EOC drill will be fully HSEEP compliant.
- Will need at least 5 RACES people to operate out of the EOC
- The EOC will be fully operational and all EOC staff will be present.

- **Operations for Kansas Speedway**

- The same 4 people continue to carry the responsibility of staffing the Speedway
- The Emergency Management staff will work with RACES to establish required training for a Speedway/EOC team. Required training might include:
 - Operation and set up of computers.
 - Operation and set up of radios.
 - Operation of cameras.
- The plan is to have a Speedway/EOC team established and fully trained before the Spring 2012 racing season begins.

- **The MECC is recommending adding Credentialing to New ID Cards**

- Recommended credentialing consists of 4 levels of radio operators
 - Adopting a standard for credentialing would allow operators going to another jurisdiction to assist in emergencies to be quickly assigned to responsibilities equal to their qualifications.
 - Every member of RACES will qualify for at least the lowest level of credentialing once they have completed IC 100 & IC 700.

- **What would you like to see as future training?**

- SHARE – long range HF communications to be used by certain governmental agencies in emergencies.
- AMSAT – there is a traveling presentation.

- **IS 100 & IS 700 training for people that might want classroom instruction**

- Glen Dikes stated that the Medical Reserve Corp of Greater Kansas City would be holding training for IS 100 & IS 700 on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at MARC building, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.