

ARES/RACES EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

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SWDEC NOTES

Updates:

South West District meeting being held in Juneau county, see details below.

We have EC vacancies within the district, if you know of some one interested please let me know, the vacancies are for Rock, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette counties.

Skywarn training coming up in April for Juneau and Richland Counties, details on page 3

District Net:

A reminder that the District Net is every first Wednesday of the month, on the Wisconsin Interstate Network. March date is the 7th at 1930 hrs.

Reports:

Just a friendly reminder for you EC's about sending in your monthly reports, please send them to me at:

vrnraces@gmail.com



LEARNING TOOL:

- In the ICS Chain of Command, what Officers are the Command Staff?
- Of the four Section Chief's what Section Chief manages communications?
- What is Unified Command?
- When do you use Formal Communications?

SW DISTRICT MEETING

On 24 March 2018, from 0900 to 1300 the South West District ARES/RACES will be meeting in Mauston at the EMS facility, 302 S Union St, Mauston, WI.

This meeting is for all EC's, AEC's, and if you have members that you want to attend, please send me a roster of who is attending by the 15th of March. Space is limited, so I

want to make sure we have room.

Agenda:

0900-0915 Opening remarks, introductions.

0915-1000 Digital Communications, (Southwest District Communication Plan).

1015-1100 Communication Plans, (EC's County Communication Plans).

1115-1200 Hospital Communication Plans, (EC's County Hospital Communication Plans).

1215-1300 ALT EOC (WEM) Volk Field

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT EXERCISE

Current planning is under way for a Search and Rescue exercise to be conducted, date will be published later. More details to follow, if you have ideas or like to be a part of the exercise design team please let me know.



BRAVING THE COLD 2018

It was bitter cold February weekend, lots of snow and perfect for a dog sled race. The 23rd Annual "Apostle Island Sled Dog Race" was held on February 3rd and 4th in Bayfield, Wisconsin. The annual event had five different races taking place over the course of two days. My dad, Larry Dudzinski-K9LRD and I, Haily Dudzinski-KD9GCC, volunteered to do their communications along

with Chris Keezer- KC9NVV, Travis Mueller-KC9GYD, Chuck Perry-N9CZM and Joe Schoebel-KD9CJX, we covered three out of the five races, the 10 Dog, 8 Dog, and the Sportsman's Loop.

Although we did not cover the Family Race and the Youth Race we had full cheering them on and congratulating their return. The 10 Dog race ran an 80 mile course run-

ning 40 miles each day, the 8 Dog race they ran 60 miles running 30 miles each day, the Sportsman's race was 40 miles they ran the 20 mile loop twice.

Mother Nature provided us with below zero temperatures all weekend, a snow storm on Saturday and beautiful blue skies and biting wind on Sunday. Skies and biting wind on Sunday.



Left to right: Travis KC9GYD, Joe KD9CJK, Chris KC9NVV, Larry K9LRD & Haily KD9GCC
Not Present Chuck N9CZM

BRAVING THE COLD 2018 (CONTINUED)

The event ran pretty smooth Saturday but Sunday offered some excitement when Chuck-N9CZM called in with a dog team in distress. Suddenly everyone was gathered around the radio as we got word that a team had a dog with an injury. The musher needed someone to drive his truck and send a vet at their

location. Everyone pitched in to find the person that was needed to drive the truck down to the Butterfield checkpoint. I went and informed an official that a vet was needed at the checkpoint and they got on the snowmobile and took off down the trail. The trip took about 25 minutes, but the

Musher and all the dogs were rescued and the injured dog was stabilized, making for a happy ending. Our adventure in the cold North end with a long drive home but it was an amazing weekend and we can't wait for next year.

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My first official "Net Control Operations"

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SKYWARN TRAINING

Juneau County:

On April 9th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Mauston at the Public Works building, 1260 N Rd Mauston, WI, the National Weather Service will be conducting Weather Spotter training .

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Richland County:

On April 10th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Richland Center at the UW Coppertop Theatre, 1200 US 14 Richland Center, WI, the National Weather Service will

