

Just in Time EM-COMM Training

SAFETY:

Always work in pairs. The second person does not need to be a Ham Radio Operator.
Wear a reflective safety vest. There are vests in the deployment kit.
Make sure you receive a safety briefing. Be aware of hazards.
Know emergency procedures for contacting officials.
Get the net control station's phone number for secure communications and as a back up.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Sign in on arrival and sign out on departure.
Record your cell phone number on the sign in sheet.
On the air roll calls should be conducted on a regular schedule.

DOCUMENTATION:

Always complete the following,
Sign in / sign out in the log
Net control communications log ICS-309
Message Form ICS-213
Personal Significant Event Log ICS-214

RADIO EQUIPMENT:

Prepare in advance, preprogram your radio with EM-COMM frequencies see ICS-217
Prepare in advance, use power pole connectors for DC connections.
Know how to program your radio in the field, or have a cheat sheet.
Assume there is no commercial AC power available.
Be prepared for simplex operation.
Bring a mobile radio that can be used as a base station or portable station.
Bring an external antenna system to extend your simplex range.
Have a charged battery ready.

PERSONAL PREPADNESS:

Carry a note pad and pen.
Have comfort items in your car.
Have water and snack food available.
Prepare for weather changes, dress accordingly.
Keep a sealed envelope with your personal medical info on your person.

SERVED AGENCY CONSIDERATIONS:

Look and act professionally.
Remember to use secure communications for personally identifiable or sensitive information.
You have only one supervisor, all assignments need to come from that person.

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