

St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Emergency Radio System

meeting 3/13/23, 2330Z on 147.39MHz

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, KC3RWE-Brad, AC3CU-Neil, N3AK-Jon, KB1YZ-Jim,
W3OST-Rick, KC3PFF-Shawn, KC0WKX-Ed, ACD3FE-John

Tonight we were looking for ideas and suggestions for simulated emergency exercises within in the county and later doing some exercises with Calvert and Charles. There were a lot of great suggestions from the members. We could do exercises involving a heavy snow, heavy rain, gale winds, aircraft disasters, either aircraft or pieces of aircraft, a hurricane hitting the area, and a nuclear related accident. Chris also reminded us that the ARRL stressed that during any emergency, be sure and take care of the family first. A person won't be able to do an efficient job processing emergency information if they are concerned about the family.

Chris also mentioned that we need a plan in place to reach everyone in the case that we have to activate. Presently there is no concrete plan in place. We will also be looking to set up at emergency relocation sites and check communications from each place, simplex, repeater, Winlink and VarAc when it is figured out. Thinking about going out to the flood gate areas during an flood advisory and check on the levels to see what is happening during an actual advisory. It was also brought up that we could possibly set up at the fire/ems stations and using them at communications relay points or primary points. Chris will check on what the availability is on this. It was also suggested that we make a communications area map, showing lines of simplex and repeater communications to the various areas. Since this county is very large. Chris is also going to check on how we may be able to assist the county as a back up to their communications system that is in place.

The meeting was closed at 2342Z.