

ST. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net

4/17/23 2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, KB1YZ-Jim, W3OST-Rick, KC3PFF-Shawn, AC3CU-Neil,
AC3FE-John, KC3RWE-Brad, KC3UCB-Anthony

Chris opened the net at 2300Z with a few general comments. The net tonight will start on 147.39MHz and then switch to 147.195 for the net. This is to check out and see if everyone can hear and talk on this repeater. He is looking to do a drill toward the end of April on a Saturday. The drill is to make sure that everyone can change frequencies on the fly. This is a condition that happens quite frequently during a disaster. The ARES group will use the 147.39MHz as a primary repeater and the 147.195MHz as the secondary, or maybe a north and south arrangement. The other result would be to use one repeater for communications and the other repeater to pass traffic to other stations on. Chris is going to look into maybe using the old St. Mary's EOC site at a command location in Leonardtown. Shawn mentioned that he thinks the St. Mary's EMS uses the center for their command site. John asked to know what was traffic and what type of messages are passed. Jim passed some URL's to Chris about the NTS system and radiograms.

Most of the members present are up for a drill. A lot of the group doesn't have APRS capabilities at this time. Some of the members have mobiles and HF capabilities, while the rest of us only have VHF capabilities at this time. Most of the members didn't hear the tornado drill that was suppose to happen last Wednesday. Chris said that he would try and find out what happened.

Chris closed the meeting at 2346Z.