

ST. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

8/28/23 2300Z

Membership: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, KC3RWE-Brad, N3AK-Jon,
AC3FE-John, KB1YZ-Jim, W3OST-Rick,

Chris opened the meeting at 2300Z. Asked for any formal message traffic. There was none. He announced that on Sept. 6, Calvert will be running an exercise concerning the nuclear power plant. This will be a local exercise and not a formal one. Sept. 12, is the Maryland RACES exercise. Oct. 7, will be the SET that we will be participating in. We need to get teams set so that Chris can forward them to the area coordinator. He then went through the role to see what personal will be available.

Neil will be available for the Sept. 6, exercise. Will check in and see what help that I can be. I have not tried to check in to the RACES exercises that are held monthly on 2-meters. I can hit the DelMarva repeater, which is the eastern net, but cannot get to the northern or mid repeater sites. They usually hold the exercise on Tuesday nights at 1930 local hours, which is when our weekly net is held.

Brad won't be available for the exercises due to work schedules. He has listened in on the hospital net on 80-meters but didn't check in.

Jon may be able to do the Oct., exercise. He asked for some more information on the exercise frequencies and start times. The October exercises will run from 0900 – 1500 local hours. The Sept. 6, exercise will run from 0800 - 1200, local hours on 147.39MHz. I didn't get the back up frequency for that net.

John won't be able to check in due to work schedule. He will be available for the Oct. 7, exercise.

Jim don't know how much he can help. He hasn't set up winlink yet, but is working on it. He is available to help in any way he can.

Chris is going to get more information about the emergency services and our available access to the EOC. He met Amy and went to the EOC and there are radios to be used. There is some other equipment that would be available. He is planning on getting Winlink set up at the EOC for our use. We are going to stay away from VarAC for the time being as Maryland EC isn't pushing it.

Rick hasn't participated in any events. Will be available for Oct. 7, exercise. He doesn't have winlink set up yet.

Chris closed the meeting at 2339Z.

Rob checked in after the meeting, with Chris. He listened to quite a

bit, but was occupied with a personal problem. He is going to work on getting a communication plan for the SET on Oct.. He is going to run the net next week for Chris, to get some experience. He has experience in using APRS and sending messages over it. a