

ST. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

6/3/24

2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, AC3FE- John, KB1YZ-Jim, KB3WBR-Robert, KC3UCB-Anthony, KC3QNJ-Don, KC3UFY-Tracey W3OST-Rick

Chris opened the net at 2300Z and asked for any formal traffic and there was none. He then asked if anyone had announcements for the net, there was none. Chris wanted to know if anyone heard the Calvert siren test. He also found out the link between Interstate and the Branmeister server for the DMR net was down. Chris uses net logger to keep track of the check in for the net and he found that there was a chat window. It is usable for short conversations.

The topic for tonight's net is to go over an earlier net that we had on emergency preparedness, especially concerning hurricanes. He reminded us that June is here and was wondering what we could do for an exercise. July is also around the corner and maybe we could have a fourth of July exercise, not necessary on the fourth. He also asked if anyone had fusion capable radios, and that maybe we could have a Monday net on fusion.

John will try and do fusion, but don't know if he can. He is up for a fusion net if he is capable.

Neil hasn't heard the siren any time that they did the tests. I don't think you can hear it in southern Maryland much below Hollywood. I haven't went through a hurricane in Maryland, but went through quite a few in Florida growing up. They can be quite scary and terrible. I can do fusion with my 991A and FT-70D.

Rick was glad to see everyone Saturday at the hams for breakfast. He is able to do fusion.

Jim did not hear the sirens. He can do fusion on his 991A. He recommended keeping a 100 foot rope available, it is useful for putting up antennas and aiding in rescuing someone.

Robert asked for a signal check s he is on his HT. He didn't hear the sirens. He has some solar panels for use. He can do fusion.

Anthony is doing fine. He can't do digital. He is part of a group that discussed this earlier and they broke it down to two basic groups, one being "bug-in" and the other "bug-out". They are two different situations depending upon your reference.

Don doesn't know if his FTM 6000 can do digital. He heard the siren

test today. He doesn't have a good alternate power source presently. Chris then told Don that the FTM 6000 can't do digital.

Chris then asked if anyone there were any rechecks, or announcements for the net.

Jim has a recheck, had a question concerning net logger, on how to link to another logging service. Chris said that if you have a QRZ account, there is a link in the QRZ program that will allow this. He then helped Jim find the link.

John has a recheck, maybe we could have a session and compare notes on each others "go bags", and come up with more ideas.

Anthony has a recheck, said that he would type up a power point on some ideas and get it to Chris.

Chris then closed the net at 2354Z.