

St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

4/22/24

2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, KC3RWE-Brad, KB1YZ-Jim, KC3QNJ-Don, W3OST-Rick, KC3UYF-Tracey, AC3FE-John

Chris opened the meeting and asked if anyone had formal traffic, there was no formal traffic. Chris said that he has emailed the ARES workbook to all members. Calvert is going to have another SKYWARN class soon. Chris also mentioned that we could use a map for running around the county. This would be valuable if the internet was down or satellites weren't available. A map should be spiral bound and plastic if available.

Brad said that he has taken the SKYWARN class and that they have more classes available. He also has completed the ICS 100 course and you have to register and get a student number to take the course.

Neil hasn't heard from Jon about the meeting Thursday and didn't know if anyone else had heard anything. I took the ICS 101 course some time ago and probably should retake it as I didn't get credit for it. Jon responded to Brad that he was planning on an in-person meeting.

Jim said that he was running 45Watts into the vertical tonight. He is going to check into the ICS 100 course very soon. He said that he is going to have knee surgery soon, so he will have some down time to study. He said that he has some questions about the tail gate fest and field day. These would be better asked at an in-person meeting.

Tracey said that he had been running around the county to see how well, he could access the KC3FOQ repeater. He had no problems in most of the county. He said that he has finished the ICS 100 course.

Don almost has his base station set up. He now needs a battery for mobile work. He is going to start on the ICS 100 course.

Rick has been doing good. He is going to start on the ICS courses. He got a county map when he first arrived in the county. He will dig it out and find out if they are still available.

John missed most of the net. Chris brought him up to date on what we were discussing. He is looking forward to our in-person meeting.

Tracey on a recheck, said he found a link to Alexandria Drafted Maps. They used to make these maps in booklet form for each county. John said that he found a link to the U.S.G.S. still makes geologic maps. There is also another link to Maryland geologic maps; ([MSGs.Md.gov/geo](https://mgs.mg.gov/geo)).

Chris closed the net at 2339Z.