St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Sevices

4/8/24 2300Z

KC3UYF-Tracy, KB1YZ-Jim, KC3QNJ-David, AC3FE-John

Brad opened the meeting at 2300Z. He asked for any forma traffic, there was none. He then asked for any announcements and Chris mentioned the upcoming testing session that scheduled for April 21. Brad said that we already have two signed up for the test.

Chris said that he was going to change the atmosphere of the exercise from a disaster to a celebration. He and Rachel just had to put to rest their four-legged family member. We will set up at the high schools and hopefully the bunker. If we can't get the bunker, then we will set up in the parking lot. This will help us to determine the propagation between these sites. We will keep the exercise simple and fun.

Tracy expressed his condolences upon the passing of Chris's family member. He said that he is available to go to the high school.

Jim is available to go where he is needed. He asked if we were going to use APRS? Chris said that we could use it if anyone can deploy it. We could use the QSO map the Jim has made and plot where everyone is.

Neil said that he could get to Great Mills High School. I don't have a pole for my HF but can do 2 meter and copy and pass messages.

Donald says that he doesn't have much experience with doing these types of exercises. His comfort level is low but would give it a try.

John says that he would be available to do 2 meters and Winlink.

Chris on a recheck, is thankful for the participation of those who can. He said that Donald could shadow someone to see their set up and how they operate. He could also just listen on the radio.

Brad closed the net at 2341Z.