

St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

12/4/23 0000Z

Members present: KC3RWE-Brad, KB2SKP- Chris, AC3CU-Neil, KB1YZ- Jim, W3OST- Rick, AC3FE – John

There was one announcement, made by Chris, that on Dec. 18, there will be in in person meeting at the museum.

Brad opened the net with a series of topics that he would like to discuss. He mentioned that the Nov. issue of QST had two articles relating to ICS communications and the articles explained the various message forms and how to use them. He mentioned that the MDC in Washington, has a Dec. exercise and they sent out a Winlink message to that effect. He is not quite set up to do the exercise yet, but said that if you wanted on the message routing address, all you have to do is send a Winlink message to MDCWINLINK-1, via either telnet, packet or any other form and they will add you to the list. Brad said that their monthly check in is next week, and you can check in using any of the formats. He would link the Wednesday Winlink check in to restart.

Chris is in favor of restarting the Wednesday Winlink check in. Just short messages saying that you are okay or maybe a weather report. Chris also mentioned that you could log into ARRL web site and read any of the digital magazines they have. You have to be a member of the ARRL in order to do this.

Neil said that he had seen the Nov. issue and the articles but hadn't read them yet. He has taken an ICS-101 course, and passed it, but didn't registered it. He is looking forward to restart of the Winlink Wednesday.

Jim is not familiar with ICS forms yet. He is willing to give it a try. He said that he has lots to learn.

Rick has to finish setting up his Winlink for his radio. He hopes to have it set up soon. He said that the Nov. issue would be a good place to start.

John said that he had been listening to most of the net. He is not familiar with the ICS forms, but the Nov. issue would be a good place to start.

Brad closed the meeting at 0026Z.