



ON THE AIR



Make a Simple Emergency Plan...and Follow it!

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What is an emergency communications plan? What is the best emergency communications plan? If I had the answers to both questions, I would sell the answers and retire wealthy beyond measure. Since I don't have the answers, let's ponder the questions this month. As emergency communications people, we should have some understanding of emergency communications planning and what some of the underlying principles are.

Let's talk about one plan that's not OK. My son Zach, KC7GKE, and I were at a station and an operator began to describe his emergency communications plan for a group he represents. The fellow pointed to his radio and said, "I've done the MARS/CAP mods." That was his plan. Zach smiled and I asked for some examples. He said if there were a Civil Air Patrol plane overhead, he'd dial in the CAP's frequency and call the plane. If he needed the fire department, he had that channel programmed. If he

needed search and rescue or any other agency, he'd simply call them directly. He explained that he also had all the MARS repeaters programmed into his radio. I probed a little and asked if he was a member of the CAP or MARS. He assured me he wasn't, but that it didn't matter—these groups would be more than happy to hear from him in an emergency. After all, he said, "I'm a trained communicator and I have a radio."

I asked him about the current changes to narrowband for many agencies, including the CAP. His response was that sure, it made it difficult to listen and he'd have to crank up the volume. But it would cause no problems for the agencies, they can crank up the volume too. EGAD! I thought. This fellow has no clue as to following the rules or knowing the potential damage of using a wideband signal on a narrowband channel or repeater.

He finally took his "emergency plan" and left, and I never did tell

him the CAP would probably not want to talk with him. I began to wonder how many of our well-meaning operators just figure that modifying a radio is the best plan? What part of following the rules or understanding the rules don't they get? Having even one operator with a modified wideband radio (and high powered) would cause a significant amount of interference to a narrowband system.

Folks, an emergency plan is something you do in advance and you plan to follow the rules! You talk about contingencies and coverage and training needed and equipment and antennas and readiness and possible scenarios -- and you figure out how best to offer communications. Can you cover every event? NO! Can you plan for every problem you might encounter? NO! However, you can plan, you can prepare, and you can plan to follow the rules.

In most, if not all, crisis events I've been involved with, operators cooperate and communicate and work together. Operators

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rely on experience, training and expertise and they work together. And, they follow the rules.

In my not so humble opinion, the best plan is a simple plan. Over the past years, readers have sent samples of their plans. Some are hundreds of pages in length and cover everything including what sizes of fuses you should have in your emergency kit. Some medium-sized plans cover required training and participation to ensure you're ready. The best plan I saw was a couple of pages and outlined some principles to follow -- leaving the training and equipment preparation up to the operator and the radio group. The complex plan had lists of people and who would do what in each projected scenario. Every time someone moved (or died of old

age), the plan had to be revised.

Do you see where this goes? It's a lot of work and in short order the keeper of the plan gives up and the plan is out of date.

A simple plan that is easy to understand and remember will always serve you better. In an emergency you don't have time to re-read and re-familiarize yourself with the plan while you're headed to support the emergency. There's great wisdom in Keep it Simple, Silly (KISS). Just please keep your plan within the rules. If you have authorization in advance to use an agency's frequencies, get it in writing, be trained on their procedures and use legal equipment. Don't damage your reputation by even suggesting you use illegally modified radios. Do it right!

WASATCH 100

The Wasatch 100 was held on 10-11 September. Many of our members were able to help at the aid stations. The Wasatch 100 committee would like to thank everyone that helped.



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The trouble in marriage begins when a man is so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar.

HEBER VALLEY CENTURY

Join us in supporting this years Heber Valley Century bicycle ride. The ride starts in downtown Heber City and works it's way through Summit and Wasatch Counties including the communities of Midway, Oakley, Hoytsville, Kamas, Wanship, Francis and others. We are in need of mobile operators to do SAG and shuttle support as well as fixed station operators to work at the rest stops along the course. You can sign up for the event at <http://www.arpse.org>. So come on and get out for one of the last public service events of the year.

Join us on Utah's Most Beautiful bike ride through the scenic splendor of the Wasatch mountains. The dramatic autumn beauty of Heber Valley, picturesque Jordanelle, and the Olympic venue Soldier Hollow will take your breath away. This spectacular adventure will challenge you and your friends.

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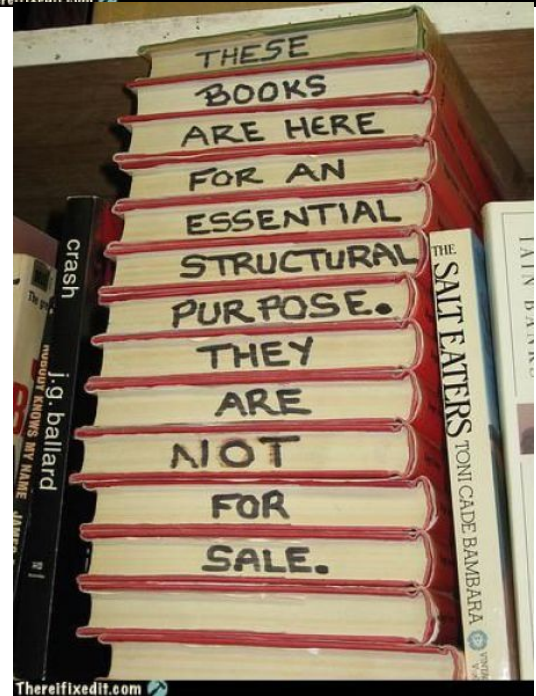
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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15, 2010—CSEPP—contact Richard NOCL

September 18, 2010—Legacy of Love Service Project—Contact KF7HUB—debdhair@yahoo.com

September 25, 2010—Heber Valley Century—Contact Mickey, KE7NZA

November 6, 2010—SET Exercise

November 13, 2010—RACES Conference

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