

CALV-ARES | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 11/19/2013 7:30 PM | Meeting location Phillips House

N3QHC, N3XMZ, N3IDX, KB3WFV, NG1L and K3UGA

Time allotted | 0:30 | Agenda topic *EmComm Class Baltimore. Co.* | Presenter N3XMZ

Discussion: Bill/N3XMZ attended a training class in Baltimore on Saturday, November 16. The Auxiliary Communication Services, ACS, includes Amateur Radio, GMRS, Citizens Band Radio operators which total over 5000 available operators in Baltimore County. Bill expressed this type of organization has many good merits.

Conclusion: Training, drills and exercises are important to enhance communication skills.

Time allotted | 1:45 | Agenda topic *Feedback on October PS events* | Presenter N3QHC

Discussion: A lively discussion about the PRAD Parade & Cystic Fibrosis Cycle Event was discussed. Issues of defining roles and expectations for our communication services. How to better implement ICS functions for our EmComm training by using Public Service, PS, events since Incident Command System, a President's Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD5), is required by ARES.

Conclusion: We need to take a go-slower but steady approach implementing ICS functions and utilizing the *Calvert ARES/RACES Operator Information Binder*. We need to strongly encourage members to be certified by taking self-learning courses for required NIMS training*. Our number one objective is to ensure every one of the participating members understands their role as communicator's. That is to receive and/or transmit messages – that is all. We must NOT volunteer for other services unless directed by next person higher in our chain-of-command. Better methods will be implemented so our framework of unclear chains-of-command and supervision issues will not occur in the future. Include anyone that is participating in the PS event to attend pre-planning meeting(s). Set expectations of served agency and/or event director. Meet just prior to the event to make any last minute updates. Keep reinforcing the importance of our roles as Amateur Radio operators.

*NIMS 100, 200, 700 and 800

Time allotted | 1:00 | Agenda topic *General discussion* | Presenter KG1L and N3XMZ

Discussion HHMM-Mesh, Karl/KG1L discussed developing a high speed network of routers to have VOIP, send video or having a server available all via RF. Bill/N3XMZ demo using Bluetooth and TNC-X to have his APRS displayed on a tablet.

Conclusion Hams love to talk = another late night (past 2230-Hours) but very fun ~ *going home!*