

Calvert Auxcomm/St. Mary's ARES
Annual Section Emergency Test
Nov. 2nd, 2024

Start time: 0900(L)

End time: 1100(L)

Scenario:

A pleasure craft carrying "X" number of people has capsized on the Patuxent River between Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. Local authorities from each jurisdiction are responding/on scene and initial reports advise numerous victims being carried south by the strong currents. Several agencies are involved, so a unified command has been established prompting Calvert and St. Mary's to partially staff their EOC's in support. Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) from both counties have been activated to assist with shoreline search and rescue efforts and ARES/Auxcomm has been requested to establish radio communications between the EOC's, CERT staging areas, and the individual CERT teams. ***ICS is in place and best practices/protocols should be used.***

Purpose of the scenario: Set the stage for coordination between the counties with independent operation of each group as well as the use of multiple frequencies.

There is no set script. Signal reports and locations are sufficient. Please end all transmissions with "exercise message" or similar.

Objectives:

- Establish voice and digital communication between Calvert and St. Mary's EOC's
- Establish voice and digital communication between the EOC's and staging areas (coordinated individually by each side)
- Establish voice communication between the staging areas and search teams (coordinated individually by each county)
- Track participants/players using APRS (each county independently, equipment permitting)
- Practice functioning in a "layered" or "sectioned" ICS environment
- Find out what works along with what could be improved upon and hopefully have some fun doing it

Fixed facilities:

Calvert EOC: Barstow Public Safety Building Alternate EOC Site
Calvert "CERT Staging area": Jefferson Patterson Park

St. Mary's EOC: St. Mary's County Public Safety Communications Ctr.
St. Mary's "CERT Staging" area: Greenwell State Park

Three Bros. Restaurant: Lunch afterward