

ONTARIO COUNTY RACES

Meeting Agenda

07/20/2023 0900 Ontario County EOC

Attendance:

<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Benton WB2VMR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tom Sanders KB2NCI
<input type="checkbox"/> John Park WA2SSJ	<input type="checkbox"/>	Doug Howles KD2LGE
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Federico KA2HQZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Lord KD2ZLR
<input type="checkbox"/> Vern Kunes K2VJK	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pat Welch KD2PER
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Burlingame W2LVP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Laycock W2SCL
<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Conway KD2DO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

1. ICS Training, ICS-300 Course, Update ICS-Certification, AuxCom Training in Nov.

Steve recommended we add ICS 200 and 800 to the already required ICS 100 & 700. And if your previous courses were a few years ago to re take them as they have updated information. Also recommended is Skywarn training. There will be an ICS 300 course in Oriskany, NY in the future. Steve recommends the AuxComm training for us to take. It will be offered in Oriskany in November. It helps us to understand the circumstances in which we will be working and who is in charge. It is NOT us.

2. ARES Status—**there was quite a discussion about our adding ARES to our group and what it covers, as opposed to just RACES. A reminder that RACES is only activated by the Emergency Management Office or its designees and per the FCC, has a very restrictive mandate. Steve asks all RACES members to fill out the ARES registration form he recently sent out so we can be set up as an ARES group as**

well as RACES. Please return them to Steve. He has applied to the ARRL to become an official ARES group.

3. Possible training and drills with Monroe County-while in Oriskany in June, Steve was approached by some Emcomm folks from Monroe County and they would like to do a joint drill/practice with us in the future. The idea was received favorably and may happen with a SET drill in November

4. SET Status—will plan on one in November

5. Installation of Yaesu DR2X Repeater at Gannett Hill—the new Yaesu Fusion repeater is ready to be installed on Gannett Hill as 145.450 and to move the Bridgecom Fusion Repeater (147.090) to the Geneva City Hall EOC.

Side note—SIARC has been approved for the purchase of a Yaesu Fusion repeater to be installed in the VA tower on 146.820. We should receive it sometime in August.

6. Personnel Assignment to Hospitals—FF Thompson Hospital—Doug KD2LGE, Geneva General Hospital—Dan KD2LBM, Clifton Springs Hospital—Bill W2LVP, Soldiers and Sailors Hospital—Mark KD2ZLR. Hopewell EOC—Tom KB2NCI and Vern K2VJK, Geneva EOC—WA2SSJ. These are station managers and any additional help for them is appreciated. It was mentioned that Soldiers and Sailors has now become part of the UR system. Doug will contact Ron O'Brien at Thompson (security lead) about contacting Soldiers about our purpose and access to that hospital. More info to come.

7. DLAN Training for Ontario County RACES—it was mentioned that all RACES member have log ins and access to DLan. It would be good for all of us to become familiar with the system. After log in, go to RACES training and navigate through to learn. Hopefully training will be able to happen after a new EMO director is in place.

8. FLdigi message sending practice before Sunday RACES NET—**This is still being done at 7:30pm Sundays before the 8pm net. The net control for the night should open up the practice session if at all possible. It is important for us to be able to send as well as receive the FLDIGI messages**

9. New Equipment purchases for 2023—**Steve will compile the items to be ordered that was prepared by Pat and send the order to the EMO for processing.**

10. Other issues and questions----**Tom could use a few more volunteers for the Phelps Sauerkraut Festival race events on Saturday August 5. Please contact him if you can help. Also, it appears the Finger Lakes Triathlon is back on and scheduled for Sunday September 10. Tom has a few operators signed up to help, but could use 6 to 8 more. Please contact him if you can help.**

One big take away from the DHS training that Steve and Charlie attended in June was for us to Keep a Log during any activation just in case there are questions about what happened. Take a picture of it on your phone and after you make a copy of it, DELETE it from your phone. That way your phone cannot be confiscated for evidence. Maybe extreme, but you don't want to find out the hard way.

Next admin meeting: 8/24 at 7pm, open for all members of course.

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