

Fifth Saturday Drill, January 2016

After-Action Report

(EC's perspective and from comments received)

(BTW, Lots went right)

BASIC INFORMATION

- 26 Participants
- Seven Locations Activated
 - Clallam County EOC
 - Forks ECC
 - Sequim ECC
 - Diamond Point ECC
 - American Red Cross ECC
 - Joyce ECC
 - PA ECC (Alt EOC)
 - OMH ECC, Not activated.
 - Forks Hospital, Not Activated
- Other EOC's Contacted
 - LaPush EOC
 - Unable to contact Jefferson or Kitsap
- No State wide contacts
- 27 Messages sent
 - 14 ICS-213 Digital
 - 2 iSnap Digital
 - 2 Text messages referencing ICS-213
 - 9 ICS-213's via Voice

LESSONS LEARNED

- Last minute special phone trees don't work.
 - EC should just tell AEC's to pre-deploy themselves.
 - But not their people.
- We did not participate in "message handling contest portion of Drill."
 - EC decided not to complicate the drill and skipped the contest portion.
- ICS form use local time?
- Message numbers missing from ICS-213's.
- EC should not have sent the drill instructions he received to everyone.
 - It just confused a lot of people.
- There needs to be a pre-drill meeting with AEC's, Training Officer, and EC.
 - Post meeting also, but this time the monthly meeting arrived.
- Participant ("player") info needs to go out much sooner.
 - This allows user feedback, and questions could be answered.
 - It appears many didn't even read it.
 - EC received several comments that people don't like the term "player" that has been frequently used; this is serious work.

- All documentation must be sent in PDF format, as this is a universally accessible format.
- Need write up that says if no phone service, then try repeaters, then SX.
- If you check in to the resources net, and do not get assigned in a reasonable time period, re-check in; sometimes the resources net gets overwhelmed and things get missed.
- EOC needs at least 3 people.
- FKX Checkin report wasn't sent from EOC to Resources.
- ICS-205 was created but not distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

- Forks comms were reliable via relay through a Canadian repeater.
 - HF voice didn't work.
 - This despite a comment on a State net that propagation was good.
- Diamond Point to EOC, and SQX comms was poor.
 - EC didn't have (take) time to shift them to Blyn.
 - There is a back channel via Canada that hasn't been practiced.
- Echolink was used.
- Joyce to Forks on CH 20 was good.