

Memorandum For Record

Meeting between Chief Ben Andrews, CCFD 3 and CCARES

7 September 2016, 1600-1705 (give or take)

Participants: Chief Ben Andrews, CC District 3. Bruce Reiter, CCARES EC, Rich Golding, CCARES Sequim ECC, Bill Carter, CCARES COMT

Location: CC District 3 Main Fire Station, Sequim

Meeting served as a "Meet and Greet" for new ARES EC and Chief Andrews.

From Chief Andrews: Plans are to activate Area Command 5 located at Sequim Transit Center during significant emergencies within Area Command 5, established as a Joint Command involving Fire and Police elements.

From Chief Andrews: The ECC located at the Main Fire Station will remain and provide additional communications or serve as backup to the Area Command 5. One reason for the subordinate status is that this Station will be tasked with response services for up to two-thirds of the Area Command 5 population. Note: Busy place.

From Chief Andrews: Plans are to obtain approval to have Area Command 5 able to communicate directly with Camp Murray in the event that Area Command loses contact with the County EOC. Sequim Fire would serve as backup to that activity. Note: autonomous operations and transfer of command usually follow strict guidelines.

From Chief Andrews: Fire District 3 has new backup propane generators for power outage at all stations. Chief wants to see amateur radio equipment at all stations and personnel to man the equipment. Note: Believe that antennas are already positioned.

From EC Reiter: Unsure of the ability of ARES to staff that many positions for an extended period, given the limited number of active personnel and their age/physical condition. ARES currently has 55 personnel total on roster, with varying level of license and participation.

Note: Need to review current ARES personnel home locations and develop an ARES manning plan.

Chief Andrews: Would like a COMPLAN for the amateur radio component of Area Command 5 and the islands it controls. Note: Need to see what needs to be done to revise the current plan.

Chief Andrews: Would like to have two separate Simplex channels. One would be set to send information to Command. The second would be designed to retrieve information from the islands. (CERT, bystander information passed through amateur radio to command cells.) Note: Again to see how to work into the plan.

General Discussion about ICS forms and the push for all Command information exchange to be digital whenever possible.

Chief Andrews: There is no Communications Officer in District 3. Chief will be ARES point of contact. He will consider budgeting for radio items he is convinced are needed. Chief plans to send personnel to COML training in Chicago. Note: Rich, Al Dawson, Bill and me speak for ARES.

Chief Andrews: Future plans are to expand ARES and CERT capabilities within Area Command 5. EC Reiter agrees to assist in recruiting ARES trained operators.: On Rich and Reiter as far as ARES

EC Reiter: Provided fliers for upcoming radio classes to Chief. Gave information that Chuck Jones is the contact as VEC for training and testing.

Chief Andrews has no objection to the use of Sequim Fire as the Tactical Voice call sign for the Sequim ECC located at the Fire Station. BNR

Submitted to Chief Andrews, Rich Golding and Bill Carter for additions/deletions.

Bruce N. Reiter  
CCARES EC

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