

CLARK COUNTY ARES/RACES OPERATING AID
TAB 6 – CURRENT OPERATION INFORMATION

“5th Saturday” Drill – January 2021

Date: Saturday, 30 January 2021

Mission Number: 21-T-____

Time: 9:00 AM

Drill Title: Repeater Signal Checks

Drill Scenario: Collecting signal reports from members on all analog 2-meter and 70-centimeter repeaters on the Clark County ARES/RACES Handi-Card.

Activation Methods:

- Prior to the drill, the EC will call out Team Leaders via SMS and on CLRK 2A.
- Team Leaders will notify team members (using whichever method best enhances overall team preparedness).

Deployment Location(s): This will primarily be a “stay-at-home” drill. However, individual teams may decide to spread out within their assigned areas in order to evaluate coverage from different key locations.

Objectives:

1. The Emergency Coordinator develops an ICS-205 (Incident Radio Communications Plan) for the drill and distributes it to Team Leaders by Sunday, January 24, 2021.
2. Team Leaders distribute the ICS-205 form, along with any team-specific locations, to their team members by Wednesday, January 27, 2021.
3. Members are able to obtain the six-character Maidenhead Grid Square identifier for the location where they will be operating during the drill.
4. Members test all repeaters listed on the ICS-205 form according to NCS directions.
5. Each participant sends an After Action Report (AAR) to their Team Leader by Monday, February 1, 2021.
6. Each Team Leader sends their team’s Form EMD-078 and all team member AARs to the EC by Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

Operations:

- There will be two simultaneous Net Control Stations (NCSs), one operating on CLRK 2 and one operating on the repeater currently being checked.
- Team Leader tasks:
 - *Before the drill:*
 - Determine any team-specific locations to be checked during the drill (other than each member’s home), and make arrangements for members to deploy to those locations.
 - Upon receipt of the ICS-205 form from the EC, distribute it to team members.
 - *At the beginning of the drill:*
 - When notified by the EC, activate the team, have members monitor CLRK 2.

- *After the drill:*
 - Complete the Form EMD-078 time and mileage report for the team and send it to the EC. *(Operating Aid, Tab 10, Attachment A)*
 - Ensure that all team members submit an After Action Report for the drill and forward those to the EC. *(Operating Aid, Tab 12, Attachment A)*
- Member tasks:
 - *Before the drill:*
 - Determine the six-character Maidenhead Grid Square identifier for the location where you will be operating.
 - If you need help determining the grid square, contact your Team Leader.
 - *During the drill:*
 - Upon initial check-in with the NCS on CLRK 2, report the six-character Maidenhead Grid Square identifier for the location where you are operating.
 - Follow the NCS instructions on which repeater to check next.
 - If you can access the repeater currently being checked:
 - Report either GREEN (good copy) or YELLOW (marginal copy) to the NCS.
 - Return to CLRK 2 at the direction of the NCS.
 - If you cannot access the repeater currently being checked:
 - Return to CLRK 2 and report RED (unreachable) for that repeater.
 - *After the drill:*
 - Complete an After Action Report *(Operating Aid, Tab 12, Attachment A)* for the drill.
 - On line #1, indicate whether you were provided the Mission Number when called out, during the drill, or after the drill.
 - After line #18, indicate the date you received the ICS-205 form for the drill.
 - Send the completed AAR to your Team Leader.

Hot Wash: At the conclusion of the repeater checks, all members should participate in a quick on-the-radio “hot wash” (drill debriefing, other feedback) which will be conducted by the EC on CLRK 2.