

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

Topic: XSC Strike Team Communications Drill

Purpose:

To exercise the use of each departments mutual aid radios within a Strike Team situation.

Materials Needed:

1. Santa Clara County Local Fire Service and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan, Appendix 1
2. VHF portable radios with common mutual aid channel programming, one for each crewmember. IE: Bendix King and or other out of county radios used.
3. VHF mobile radio with common mutual aid channel programming, one per vehicle.
4. Departmental reference/guide for your particular type/brand of radios.

Time: 30 to 60 minutes

Desired Outcomes:

1. Given any common mutual aid channel by the Strike Team Leader, personnel will be able to communicate over their departments issued radios.
2. Personnel should be able to utilize the Santa Clara County Local Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan Appendix 1 for radio programming or reference if needed.

Key Components:

1. The drill will comprise of the Strike Team Leader assigning crews with a common mutual aid VHF channel from the Santa Clara Local Fire Service and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan Appendix 1, and then conduct a PAR with each crew. Both types of radios will be utilized, portable and mobile.
2. The portable radio drill will be conducted twice, first using a COMMAND channel, then a TACTICAL channel. The Strike Team Leader may utilize his/her local agency channels if available.
3. The mobile radio drill will be conducted on CESRS DIRECT (transmit and receive frequency of 153.755 MHz, No CTCSS tone.).
4. Chosen common VHF mutual aid channel should be monitored prior to drill use. Do not cause interference to an actual event.