

At the Hub

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This is KM7TMS. Those who can, should now go to the clubs website SLCARC.ORG and access the Net Trainings using a top right click. Tonight's training closes a loop for the two previous net trainings. So I begin by reviewing, particularly for those hams who were not here the last three weeks. Skip past the Hazard Mitigation Quiz that informed our personal disaster planning. Go to the Context & Initial Three Drills Training of 11 March. This material a) set the context for our 2021 ShakeOut exercise and presented you with a **pre-10am Residence Unit Drill**. I encourage you all to do this optional drill the morning of the 17th beginning at 0800 as described. This training buttresses a "Shelter in Place" response, which you should do in the real disaster, if possible. The training also fosters a ready self-responder. Someone who can move from that residence into the street to initiate a proper SN response beginning about 930 to 10 am the 17th. Now move to the Net Training of the 18 March that deals with basics of Neighborhood Coordination. In this training we encountered to do three drills. They are a) getting ready for the street skills practice, b) practicing Street Response skills, and c) practicing Rally Point Response skills. Hopefully, you will find those valuable enough to practice some of them during your 10 to 11 exercise time slot, and report such during the 11 -12 contact the HRR time slot.

You may recall that in these previous trainings, you were what you are, a volunteer local communications (comms) responder. Although the general populace is not well trained in the S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods Disaster Response Plan, local volunteers will be naturally responding in a real disaster. Consequently, SLCARC seeks to train you to use your experience to help direct local responders -- as you are able. And, as various means of communications are so fundamental to any level of response, you need to grasp the expanse involved between your residences to up to a Hub. Now, let's consider things At the Hub.

After exchanging information with the wife/family/roommate, checking on the daughter with her possible broken arm, you gathering your bags into the wagon and head to the Hub telling the wife you will look for medical help for the daughter through the Hub. **This departing information exchange is your 1st skill practiced in this Hub Drill Unit.** – if you choose to do these type of things in this 2021 exercise. You can only do what you can do and you can do more over time.

Your hike to the elementary school goes well, save for the trees down, liquefaction trenches, downed powerlines, broken gas and water lines and people all around you in distress. You had practiced this walk before in previous ShakeOuts and you learned that while it is the tagline of the plan to "grab your kit and walk to school," that does not have to be done immediately after the big quake hits. At this point you have taken care of preliminaries and are packing considerable intel on your neighborhood for the Hub Manager, in addition to your critically valuable comms equipment & abilities. **This trip to the Hub from your house is the 2nd skill practiced in this Hub Drill Unit.** If it is your first time, you may want to allow a little extra time.

Arriving at the Hub, you find that you are not the first volunteer and are relived at that. However, they don't know SN as well as you do. You offer some valuable input about how a JIT KIT is to be used, getting a registration process going, selecting the Hub Manager, etc. before you set up a station in the previously practiced spot. **Practicing this negotiation with others is your 3rd skills event of the Hub Drill Unit.** It is also the subject of SN Training Program Modules 4 and 5. Blessed are those who have enough people to actually practice these skills.

Now, if you were not a comms person, you would have other Hub operations skills to practice. But, so that SLCARC comms people are not ignorant of hub things beyond comms activities, I note that I recently posted to the club web site under the SN General button, a copy of the JIT KITS Hub Organization Chart -- with certain attached notes Susan and I made on it after using it for several years. If you are in the club's website, hit the SN Gen button and scroll all the way down to access that org. chart. As a Hub could be up for potentially not just days but weeks, the positions and staffing will flex over time. As is taught in the Basics Module 2, only positions needed need be staffed should be staffed -- as able. Note that Hub Comms is close to Manager in these operations but maybe not so geographically. Physical layouts will vary and basic Hub org. patterns should not. CERT green Field Operations Unit will probably be very active, requiring much staffing and management while producing a lot of internal and some external Hub traffic -- at least internally. Then, there are the Sheltering and Support Units, each with their duties. SN Training Program Modules 4 and 5 will unfold this to you. A Comms Coordinator has a shared responsibility for internal District communications including internal Hub communications. And, a primary responsibility for external Hub to HRR comms.

As the school is not normally as busy on Saturdays and Sundays, your Hub should look rather unused on the 17th. In the years ahead, where we have better built local SN infrastructure, you and your local Ambassador(s) should negotiate with school administrators the partial use of the school and/or its grounds, to do yearly ShakeOut exercises. For this rather simple 2021 Hub Drill Unit you may want to only look the grounds over making mental plans for those future discussions, and practice comms into your rally points before 11 and the HRR after 11, on a part of the outside, publically open grounds. Feel free to open a dialogue with your principal before the exercise as you see fit, as various school principals have policies that vary in their access details. If you find restrictions operative, set up in a nearby area, or remain street mobile for this exercise. **Setting up a comms station on or adjacent to your school is the 4th skill practiced in this Hub Drill unit.**

Your 5th skills practice in this Hub Drill Unit occurs between 11 and 12 when you announce your Station's presence on the air and attempt to contact the HRR for check-in.

Your 6th skill practice occurs concurrently with the above check-in, wherein you Open your Station Log, open your Message Log, and have your 213 form(s) at the ready.

I note that if your station has already set up at the Hub and conducted a little traffic within the school district prior to your 1100 check-in, you will already have done some of this forms logs activity. If so, congratulations. In the two net trainings before ShakeOut. I will address logs & forms.

Your 7th skills practice will occur after or during your check-in to HRR, as you exchange RS signal reports. I plan to deal with RS reports next week.

Your 8th skills practice will occur after the signal reports, as you passes to the HRR your brief 213 that carries your very short exercise report. In just a few words describe what you did the previous two hours or more of your exercise.

After receiving all reports, HRR will thank you for your service and close the exercise. **Your final and 9th skills practice will be to close your station and pack-away your station. However, we may also hold a brief Hot Wash, that will review this exercise.**

I will post this training up under the Net Trainings button. Any questions or comments tonight?