

AFTER ACTION REPORT
COUNTY/CITY COMMUNICATIONS DRILL
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The objective of the Mountain View participation was to test the recently updated Damage Assessment Summary PacFORM with the updated software to display the Damage Assessment summaries in the EOC that are submitted from the various CERT groups. We assigned Voice and Packet Net Controls to handle the communication with the county during the drill and solicited a signup from the Mountain View ARES members to submit Packet and Voice Damage Assessment Summaries and to have one of the members be the local Voice Net Control. These volunteers were assigned two CERT group tactical IDs and were asked to send 50% and 100% reports to Tactical call sign MTV001 instead of MTVEOC since MTVEOC was to be used for the Packet NC to county. One of the AECs who was been testing the EOC display software was assigned to collect the Packet messages and display them with the EOC software on his own computer.

RESULTS

The drill started at 0945 and the local voice NC took check-ins from the participants and assigned them the CERT groups that they were to use to generate DA Summary forms. The Local Packet NC accepted and recorded the forms and displayed them on his local system. An example of this display is attached. We received 18 Damage assessment forms, all directly from Packet (no voice submissions), with 3 different DA Summary form versions. This is interesting and important, as it verified that the updated EOC software was operating properly even on older versions of the PacFORM software. Even though members were asked to update to the newest version of the PacFORM software, there were those who did not, which, by the way, is normal in most drills and would also be the case for a real emergency. An additional test of this drill was to train packet users on the correct method of setting up Outpost for a CERT Tactical call sign. One member was having trouble with this and actually received help on the air and the problem was subsequently resolved.

ANALYSIS

The drill was fairly simple and went well. Assigning separate county Voice and Packet net controls with no other function worked well, as did the assignment of local Voice and Packet net controls. All the volunteers who sent the messages followed most of the instructions, and the fact that some did not have the latest version of the DA Summary PacFORM was actually helpful in testing the EOC display software. There still seems to be a bit of confusion when setting up Outpost to send a message from a CERT, a simple check list would be helpful for this process. In retrospect, the on-the-air help with a problem should have been taken to a separate channel. Another observation from our local NC, shared by this author, is that these drills are difficult for the staff to coordinate during the drill when we are all at different locations (i.e. at home) instead of at a common location as we practiced prior to the pandemic when we could all gather at the radio shack at 1000 Villa. Hopefully we will return to the "norm" soon.

Mountain View Damage Assessment Summary

	Fires Burning	Gas Leaks	Water Leaks	Electrical	Chemical	Light	Building Moderate	Heavy	Immediate	People Delayed	Trapped	Morgue	Roads Access	No Access	Other	Neighborhood % Surveyed	Report Time
TOTALS:	22	32	48	28	11	170	55	26	28	60	66	8	15	26	4	43 %	1119
Ada Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appletree	0	0	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	100 %	1040
Cooper Neighborhood	2	3	5	-	-	10	4	-	2	5	1	-	3	-	-	100 %	1034
Cuesta Park	-	1	3	-	-	3	1	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	100 %	1000
Gemello	4	1	29	6	2	28	5	8	3	8	2	3	5	9	-	100 %	1021
Greater San Antonio	3	-	-	5	-	40	10	5	5	10	50	-	1	4	1	100 %	1050
Monta Loma	2	1	0	2	1	4	4	1	4	10	2	0	2	1	1	100 %	1040
MV-LA HS Dist.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MV-W Dist.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mtn. View Gardens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Whisman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Old Mtn. View	3	6	8	11	3	38	19	9	5	16	9	2	0	4	1	50 %	1119
Rengstorff/Shoreline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rex Manor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slater	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Mountain View	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Francis Acres	8	19	1	3	5	32	9	3	9	4	2	3	2	7	-	100 %	1032
Sylvan Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Varsity Park	0	1	1	0	0	10	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	100 %	1035
Wagon Wheel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



D:\PacketBackup\packetCommLog_210515_Recvd.csv 15-

■ Monitor is On

New Information: Click to reset

