



Minutes of Meeting of September 2, 2009

Saratoga Fire Department

The Minutes were respectfully submitted by Raymond Rogoway, Secretary

Attendees:

- Ray Rogoway, W6RAR
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Christina Sand, WO1NDR
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- John Glass, NU6P
- Zachary North, KJ6AQB
- Don North, AK6DN
- Betty Froess, W4BTY
- Ray Froess, W6ZF
- Jim Yolk, KI6HKZ
- Tony Loeb, AB6Q

The meeting having been duly noticed began at 7:40 p.m. and was called to order by Don Steinbach, President. There were introductions around the room.

Old Business:

Field Day 2009

- A wrap up and debrief of Field Day 2009 was held.

New Business:

Minutes

- Approval of the meeting minutes for June 2009 was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

- Yin Shin reported the bank account balance as of July 31, 2009.

EC Report

- The EOC-to-EOC radio test on September 2, 2009 failed. The county had technical difficulties.
- Approval to put an HF antenna on the roof of the Fire Department has been received. Dave Ritchie and Christina Sand have reviewed the MOU and suggested changes. They will send the MOU with the suggested changes to the city of Saratoga.

- A discussion was held about the MAC training program proposed by the County EOC. A description of the program and the proposed MAC training standards can be found [online](#). Comments on the program and standards were due to the County by August 31, 2009.

Outstanding Action Items

- Don Steinbach brought up the interference with the simplex frequency that occurs in the Fire Station.

Emergency Services Coordinator Report

- The new emergency plan was approved by the City of Saratoga in July 2009. SARA is listed under the Logistics Section as the Communications Branch.
- There will be a “Tabletop Exercise” on September 15, 2009 from 0900 to 1200. The location will be at the North Campus on Prospect Avenue.
- There is a “West CERT Exercise” on September 19, 2009. Sign up with the [County](#).
- Jim Yoke discussed the potential of the H1N1 virus and, if worst case, a big need for ham radio at distribution centers and for coordination between cities.
- Jim Yoke discussed a proposed “Alert SCC-Phone System” in which an automated telephone alert system will be used to mass call all emergency offices and personnel in case of emergency.

Announcements

- There will be ham licensing testing at the Saratoga Fire Station on September 5 and September 19, 2009.
- The Amateur Radio Flea Market will be held at DeAnza College on September 12, 2009.
- Amateur Radio Technology Day will be held at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, September 12, 2009.
- There was a discussion of SARA possibly participating in the “Taste of Saratoga.”

Action Item

- A request was made for a list of Saratoga DSW card holders. Jim Yolk will provide and coordinate with Christina Sand.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM