

First, Bobby Clark was impressed with our disciplined EOC operation and was talking county EOC and antennas. He wants to use the county conference room. *It's in a one-story building.*

The SET opened well and we got the first six messages off, then nothing else was addressed to us, hence my query on the net. I believe part of the problem with Winlink was the Roanoke Red Cross. They flooded the system with *reply all* message. The second issue was the voice net. At one point we waited 45 minutes to be recognized.

Issue one: There was no waiting for the squelch tail to drop and NCS recognized only the first (and probably only) station he heard. Issue two: he allowed traffic to be passed on the tactical frequency. Issue two: He allowed this traffic to be passed at *reading rate*; prompting repeat after repeat. Perhaps we should assign two non-tactical frequencies for traffic passing. Issue three: Several instances of prematurely leaving the net or retuning without a recheck generated a lot NCS queries of *are you still on the air?* queries.

This was the first SET for most of my crew, but not for our EM. I gave him the opportunity to share his experiences and share a lot of useful information. The training function of the SET went well. My crew has now been trained in all EOC functions, thanks in part to Bobby. He brought handouts.

We got some walk-in traffic who were impressed and one ex-ham who had left the hobby in the 60's and is ready to return.

Thank your for honing our skills in this aspect of amateur radio. We look forward to the next one.

BTW Dave Larsen took lots of images and shot video. He will share.

Regards,

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