

Butte County Amateur Radio Emergency Service
Minutes
July 18, 2017

Meeting Start Time: 1900 Hours

There were 9 members plus 1 guest, Jake, from the Sheriff's Communication Reserve

Officer Comments

- ARES Emergency Coordinator – Dale Anderson
 - Dale went through some of the details about support for the Wall Fire Incident
- Acting Secretary – Grant Hunsicker
 - Minutes from June were approved

Old Business

- Forms Binders were discussed and a couple of them handed out. People are to take ownership of their binder and keep it updated.
- Member Page on Website has not yet been implemented; Rick has been busy and Grant will follow up.
- Simulated Event was discussed. The date was scheduled for September 23, but Ted will be out of town so it will need to be rescheduled.

Training

- Form 213 Mini – Simulation – This was tabled
- ICS 100 Overview – Ted provided a recap of how to proceed with ICS 100 training and requested that all be completed by the end of the Calendar year, however, Rick believes this should and could be done sooner. Grant is offering to meet up with people to assist in training. A date of August 26, was thrown out as a potential date to meet up for ICS 100 group training discussion.
- There was significant discussion regarding training in general with two main points. First, it is a concern that with long business / organizational discussions it makes the meeting go too late if we also cover training, some of which is to be done on – line anyway. It was suggested that we hold trainings on Saturdays instead of on meeting nights. Dale and Ted to evaluate. Some were planning to meet on July 23, to look at FLDigi.

New Business

- There was significant discussion regarding the ARES and Red Cross connection including the Memorandum of Understanding between the Red Cross and the ARRL. Jim from the Red Cross will join our next business meeting and Ted covered that there are many training opportunities made possible by the Red Cross.
- There was also significant discussion regarding the purpose of ARES and how it relates to the Sheriff's Communication Reserve. Ted stressed the importance of ARES supporting the Sheriff's Communication Reserve. In addition, Jake from the Sheriff's Communication Reserve suggested that instead of just handling traffic, ARES should perhaps begin to focus on understanding P25 radio communications and providing digital communications services in an emergency.