

HCARES Meeting Notes – March 2005 – Combined meeting with RACES

- Meeting called to order by Steve Quear, WA9FTT, at 8:00 AM at the City Hall Building in Noblesville.
- A Joint meeting was convened between HCARES and RACES. Dave Bice, KC9AMV, opened the RACES portion of the meeting.
- RACES Training:
 - March – Sky Warn Sever Weather Spotter Training
 - First Aid and CPR will be the 2nd Saturday in July at the Cicero Fire Department. This is a new course and all RACES members are encouraged to attend.
 - Dave Bice would like volunteers to perform the training on amateur related issues for the RACES training.
- The Sam Costa run will be March 20th at 1:00 PM at the Cherry Tree Elementary School. The 443.55 MHz repeater will be used for communications. Only one net will be authorized during the run. Due to the crossing of 141st street, it was suggested that the EMA trailer be setup to maintain 800 MHz and Amateur radio linkages so that the correct dispatch departments will be called if there is a need for assistance. We need a large number of amateurs for this run and check in will be at 11:30 AM.
- This week is Severe Weather Awareness week. The Hamilton county sirens will be tested during the drill. We need observers at each of the sirens to observe their performance. There will be a test during the day time and one at night. Public safety and fire will also assist. Coordination will be through the Noblesville 911 service and run out of the EOC. If the weather temperature is below 32 degrees, the sires may not be tested. Ice may damage the gear mechanisms, and if icing is possible, the test will not be done.
- Software for GPS mapping software for severe weather is available at www.swifftwx.com. There is a cost for this software.
- Repeater Project Update
 - The Repeater and antenna have been ordered. The Noblesville 911 service vendor was used for the hardware and their tower climbers will be used to install the new antenna when it comes in.
 - Jeff Hendricks will arrange for the tower crew to install the antenna.
 - The club decided to wait until the antenna is installed before installing the repeater.
 - The duplexers have not been tuned yet.
 - The amplifier was purchased from TPL. We will run the amplifier considerably below rated output power to extend its life.

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