

FOR PRESENTATION TO:  
WINNIPEG ARES GENERAL MEETING  
16 FEB 2011

**EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**  
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**UPCOMING OPERATIONS:**

PSE-121	Klondike Derby 5, 6 MAR Being coordinated by Bob VE4MAQ Roster fully staffed, back-ups noted.
PSE-122	Manitoba Marathon 19 JUNE Need 75-80 Amateurs, have 51 so far (31 ARES members).
UMARS Seminar	UMARS Seminar MON 21 FEB They have approximately 24 newly certified Amateurs Brief presentation by Derek VE4HAY then “hands-on” practical session – as of today there were 14 mentors registered – they need 6 more mentors for 1:1. They have approx “loaner” HTs promised (incl 10 from WPGARES).

As mentioned last month, Manitoba ARES wants to have several GO Teams identified for possible rural deployments but don't forget that we may have to staff VE4EMO 12 hrs daily if not 24/7 for a period of time. Seemed to be consensus at last week's Manitoba ARES Executive Meeting that this spring we will only staff VE4EMO if we have GO Teams deployed or if other radio operations are required otherwise we will just have an on-call roster set up. I am considering establishing an on-call roster for VE4EMO starting MON 25 MAR but will decide for sure after 23 FEB Interagency Meeting.

I will also establish an on-call roster for VE4EOC, perhaps beginning 25 MAR or perhaps 1 wk later. Am in discussion with VE4s HQ, AFL & KAZ who were involved in Volunteer Registration Centre operations in 2009. We may well be asked to pre-equip a Reception Centre as was done in 2009 & 1997 – would need at least 3 operators on-call for that (so far have VE4s YYL & DAR, could use 2 more).

**RECENT OPERATIONS:**

None to report.

## **PREPAREDNESS:**

Recently examined and charged our “loaner” HTs – identified one bad rechargeable pack that is being rebuilt at Prairie Battery.

Thanks to Richard VE4KAZ for suggesting that our Mobile Kits be checked one by one which I will do over the next two weekends except for Kit #4 which is in WFPS Mobile Command and the WPS 2m Kit (will just verify current location for those two kits).

I will update our documentation at VE4EOC by mid-MAR as well as do an equipment check.

I am interested in hearing from members who may have the following to loan for possible flood operations:

- Runs of at least 50 feet RG-8 Coax with PL-259s
- Copper Pipe J-Poles
- Roof Tripods.

Utilizing our Telephone Fan-Out for alerts, call-outs and exercises is very cumbersome & time consuming. I recently learned of an automated notification system that some US ARES groups use which is also used by Red Deer ARES and their municipal government called *One Call Now* (excellent feedback from the Red Deer EC and a couple of other ARES ECs) I am considering doing a free 1-month trial with the 16 people in our “Phoner” group and if that appears to be satisfactory I would like to use it for our whole membership group. The cost would be approximately \$75 for up to 4 activations in two years.

## **Manitoba ARES**

### VE4EMO

The MECC or provincial EOC is being renovated, Operations Room is being expanded. Back end of Radio Room is being closed off for use as a storage room. A PC will be set up in the radio Room so that Duty Operators can access *WebEOC* software that is now being used to manage incidents. VE4EMO team operators (approx 20 people) have been told to anticipate evening and/or weekend training sessions in MAR for *WebEOC*.

Appendix 9.10 Operation of ARS VE4EMO requires updating in terms of some station changes (e.g. D-STAR).

D-STAR 1.2 GHz communications between VE4EMO, VE4PSC and VE4EOC must be tested and an SOP developed.

### General

Manitoba ARES executive recently discussed some tweaks to the Standby Frequency List (HF) that were suggested by DEC Gord Snarr VE4GLS. SEC Don Gerrard VE4DWG

will likely be issuing an updated SOP soon. I believe that Don VE4DWG will also be issuing the Minimum Provincial Equipment List as an SOP as well. That list was reviewed by the Manitoba ARES Executive last week and no substantive changes were made (compiled by VE4s WR, GLS & MBQ approx 2006).

3 regional meetings are being contemplated for ECs north of Winnipeg, west of Winnipeg and South of Winnipeg to discuss possible flood operations and requirements.

There was some discussion of the notion that Manitoba ARES ought to incorporate as a not-for-profit organization to make it more of a recognized entity than a virtual one. May cost \$150 to \$175 to do the incorporation.

## **CANWARN**

Hope to move Spotter Training to late May in western Manitoba. To be negotiated with Dave Carlsen & Natalie Hasell.

Inquiry in to Severe Wx Program Manager last evening regarding activation, re-activation and renewal of security clearances for PASPC.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

May meeting is now WED evening too. Next meetings are:

16 MAR	Kent VE4KEH Equipment Considerations for Rural Deployments
20 APR	<i>TBA</i>
18 MAY	<i>TBA</i>