

NORTH ZONE VHF PRACTICE DAYS

INCIDENT ACTION PLAN



OPERATIONAL PERIOD

3/8/2021 0800-0700

3/10/2021 0800-0800

3/11/2021 0800-0700

03/01/2021

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

1. Incident Name: <p style="text-align: center;">NZ VHF PRACTICE DAYS</p>	2. Operational Period:	Date From: 3/8-10-11/21 Time From: 0800	Date To: 3/8-10-11/21 Time To: 0800
3. Objective(s):			
<u>Management Objectives</u>			
-Exercise North Zone and Coastal VHF infrastructure -Provide hands on conventional radio use during routine incident operations -Identify issues with existing VHF infrastructure, coverage and equipment			
<u>Operational Objectives</u>			
-Improve familiarity with VHF equipment operation, including portable and mobile radios and tone selection -Expand end user skills, knowledge, and abilities with the use of conventional radio processes			
General Situational Awareness: -VHF/conventional radio equipment does not operate the same as the existing 800 MHz RCS based radios. You must be able to adapt to the different radio systems and exercise your VHF equipment (both mobile and portable) in your response area before you need to use it. If communications with dispatch becomes a challenge, please adapt and overcome, use the best tones available associated with the identified repeater that you are using. Test your communications with both dispatch and other field units. Don't expect VHF to have the same coverage as the RCS, Power and height are key items in areas with poor coverage. The IC may have to spot in a location away from the incident and remain in their vehicle to use the higher power mobile radio to access an available repeater. If you can't get through to dispatch on your portable, consider going back to your unit to use the mobile. THIS IAP TO COVER ALL 3 DAYS (MARCH 8, MARCH 10, AND MARCH 11 2021)			
5. Site Safety Plan Required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:			
6. Incident Action Plan			
ICS 203	<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 215A	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone List	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Suppression Repair Plan
ICS 204	<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 220	<input type="checkbox"/> Training Message	<input type="checkbox"/> Facility Map
ICS 205	<input type="checkbox"/> Incident Map	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Map	Safety Message
ICS 206	<input type="checkbox"/> Weather Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/> Demob Plan	Repeater Map
<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 208	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Behavior	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance Message	ICS 214
7. Prepared By: Jorge Sanchez		Position/Title: _____	Signature: _____
8. Approved by Incident Commander:			Signature: _____
ICS 202			

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 203)

1. Incident Name: NZ VHF PRACTICE DAYS		2. Operational Period: Date From: 3/8-10-11/21		Date To: 3/8-10-11/21	
		Time From: 0800		Time To: 0800	
3. Incident Commander(s) and Command Staff:			7. Operation Section:		
IC/UC's		Day Ops			
Deputy		Deputy Ops			
Safety Officer		Night Ops			
Information Officer		Staging Area			
Liaison Officer		Branch		COASTAL	
		Division/Group		NORTH GRP	
		Division/Group		SOUTH GRP	
4. Agency/Organization Representatives:			Division/Group		
Agency/Organization	Name	Division/Group			
		Division/Group			
		Branch		CENTRAL	
		Division/Group			
		Branch		EAST	
		Division/Group			
		Branch		ESCONDIDO	
5. Planning Section:			Division/Group		
Chief		Division/Group			
Deputy		Division/Group			
Resource Unit	Jennifer Libby-Jones	Division/Group			
Situation Unit		Division/Group			
Documentation Unit		Branch			
Demobilization Unit		Division/Group			
GISS		Division/Group			
FBAN		Division/Group			
IMET		Division/Group			
Training Tech Spec		Division/Group			
			Air Operations Branch		Director:
6. Logistics Section			Air Support Grp Sup		
Chief		Helibase Manager			
Supply Unit					
Facilities Unit		8. Finance/Administration Section:			
Ground Support Unit		Chief			
Hired Equipment Tech		Time Unit			
Communications Unit	John Brooks	Procurement Unit			
Medical Unit		Comp/Claims Unit			
Motel Tech Spec		Cost Unit			
Prepared By: Name: Jennifer Libby-Jones Position/Title: RESL Signature: _____					
ICS 203 Date/Time: 3/1/2021 0700					

ICS 205 - INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

1. Incident Name: NZ VHF PRACTICE DAYS		2. Date/Time Prepared Date: 03/01/2021 Time: 700		3. Operational Period: Date From: 3/8-10-11/21 Date To: 3/8-10-11/21 Time From: 0800 Time To: 0800				
4. Communications								
Ch#	Function	Name	Assigned To	Rx Freq	Rx Tone	Tx Freq	Tx Tone	Notes
	DISPATCH	XSD CMD 5	ALL NCJ BRANCHES	153.8900	156.7	150.8050	OST	DISPATCH AND ADMIN TRAFFIC
	COMMAND	XSD CMD 6	COASTAL BRANCH	154.0250	131.8	158.7450	OST	SOUTH SMC MAY UTILIZE CMD 6
	TACTICAL	XSD TAC 5	COASTAL BRANCH	154.2500		154.2500		
	TACTICAL	XSD TAC 7	COASTAL BRANCH	159.1650		159.1650		
	COMMAND	XSD CMD 7	CENTRAL & EAST BR	154.2350	156.7	158.9850	OST	
	TACTICAL	XSD TAC 6	CENTRAL & EAST BR	154.4150		154.4150		
	TACTICAL	XSD TAC 2	CENTRAL & EAST BR	154.4300	103.5	154.4300	103.5	
	DISPATCH	ESC DISP V	ESCONDIDO BR	154.3250	103.5	154.3250	103.5	
	COMMAND	XSD CMD 13	ESCONDIDO BR	155.1000	156.7	158.8800	OST	UTILIZE TONE 13 (HUBBARD HILL)
	TACTICAL	XSD TAC 8	ESCONDIDO BR	154.3550		154.3550		
	TACTICAL	VFIRE 26	ESCONDIDO BR	154.3025	156.7	154.3025	156.7	
	DISPATCH	DISP 3A/4A	ALL NCJ BRANCHES	SD RCS TRUNKED				DISP TO SIMULCAST ON 800
	COMMAND	3C / 3E	COASTAL BRANCH	SD RCS TRUNKED				BACK UP
	COMMAND	3-I / 3K	CENTRAL BR/RSF	SD RCS TRUNKED				BACK UP
	COMMAND	4C / 4E	EAST BRANCH	SD RCS TRUNKED				BACK UP
	DISPATCH	DISP 5A	ESCONDIDO BR	SD RCS TRUNKED				DISP TO SIMULCAST ON 800
	COMMAND	5C / 5E	ESCONDIDO BR	SD RCS TRUNKED				BACK UP
	COORDINATION	CALCORD	ALL BRANCHES	156.0750	156.7	156.0750	156.7	PRIMARY MEDICAL AIRSHIP COMMUNICATIONS
	COORDINATION	SD MEDAIR	ALL BRANCHES	SD RCS TRUNKED				SECONDARY MEDICAL AIRSHIP COMMUNICATIONS
5. Special Instructions								
REFER TO REPEATER MAP PROVIDED WITH IAP AND DATED 11/18/2020 FOR REPEATER LOCATIONS								
6. Prepared by (Communications Unit Leader): Name: Jorge Sanchez					Signature: _____			
ICS 205					Date/Time: 03/01/21 700			

MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206)

1. Incident Name: NZ VHF PRACTICE DAYS		2. Operational Period: Date From: 3/8-10-11/21 Date To: 3/8-10-11/21 Time From: 0800 Time To: 0800					
3. Medical Aid Stations:							
Name	Location	Contact Number/Freq	Paramedics				
4. Transportation (indicate air or ground):							
Ambulance Service	Location	Contact Number	Level of Service				
5. Hospitals:							
Hospital Name	Address, Lat & Long Helipad	Contact Number(s)/ Frequency	Travel Time		Trauma Center	Burn Center	Helipad
			Air	Ground			
PALOMAR HOSPITAL		760-233-9537			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRI-CITY HOSPITAL		760-724-2211			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SHARP MEMORIAL		858-292-5063			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCRIPPS LA JOLLA		858-453-3138			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCRIPPS MERCY		619-686-3779			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U.C.S.D.		619-471-3268			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GROSSMONT		619-465-0330			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Special Medical Emergency Procedures							
*UNITS TO UTILIZE SD RCS 800 EMS CHANNELS FOR BASE HOSPITAL COMMUNICATIONS AS NORMAL *UNITS WILL UTILIZE CALCORD FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH AIR SHIPS FOR GROUND CONTACT				*UNITS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TALK TO MEDICAL AIRSHIPS USING CALCORD UNTIL BOTH ARE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA-NO WIDE AREA COVERAGE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if aviation assets are utilized for rescue. If assets are used, coordinate with Air Operations.							
7. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader):					Signature: _____		
8. Approved by (Safety Officer):					Signature: _____		
ICS 206		Date/Time:			3/1/2021 0700		

SAFETY MESSAGE

It will be important that users properly prepare themselves for success

Dispatch will be simulcasting each dispatch on 3A and 4A to provide in station radio coverage.

XSD CMD 5 will be used in place of 3-Bravo and 4-Bravo for administrative movements. Crews are reminded to keep traffic short as this channel is also used for the dispatching of new incidents. If need be, units may landline dispatch in times of heavy incident dispatching

Try and use your MDC for incident related status changes (e.g. enroute, on scene, AOR, etc.) whenever possible. If you want to memorialize information about the call, consider self-typing the comment in vs. advising dispatch over the radio. If you need the dispatcher to view the text, simply advise them to read the CAD notes.

Determine which VHF repeater sites work in your area on both mobile and portable radios. Test with both Dispatch and other field units. Be prepared to switch tones depending on where you are.

In the event users are unable to access a repeater while on an incident, after attempting all available tones, they shall utilize 3-Charlie for Coastal agencies, 3-India for Central agencies, and 4-Charlie for East agencies to relay information to dispatch

Ensure the repeater/direct switch is set for repeat mode on your VHF radio. Use the toggle to switch to direct when you are on command and only need to talk to units on your scene. You do not need to change the repeat/direct (talk around) toggle position when operating on a tac channel.

Any unit or IC may request the incident communications plan be returned to the RCS at anytime. Extreme caution should be utilized if doing this!

YOU DO NOT NEED to provide a report on conditions (RoC) on routine traffic accidents, alarms or other single unit responses. Provide the RoC when conditions are not as expected and you need additional resources or when you need to provide instructions to other responding units (e.g. two vehicle TC, E212 take the vehicle in the center divider).

When communicating with Dispatch, let them know the channel and tone you are using (e.g. "North Com, Chief 2103 on XSD Command 5, Tone 4"). They are listening to multiple channels and the consoles do not light up like they do when communicating on RCS talk groups. After initial contact, you don't need to reference the channel name or tone for that series of conversations, only when you have not communicated recently or on that incident before.

Due to how conventional radio works (VHF), it is imperative that users switch to tactical nets to provide direct incident communications that does not need to be transmitted wide area

Interior building coverage will be different from what users experience on the RCS 800 system. Users are reminded you may need to step outside or near windows. Users can also leverage tactical nets to communicate with others outside who can then relay radio traffic wide area

If you have VHF speaker mics, get them ready for use and test them on the radio.

Set your command group up on your VHF mobile and portable prior to the practice days. Remember to include your adjacent command and tacs. Add VFire 26 as that will be used in case outside units come to your incident.

12A will remain the strike team travel channel

Continue to follow normal processes on the RCS 800 system for communications with Law Enforcement agencies

Crews will utilize CALCORD for primary air-to-ground with medical ships to increase familiarity- units and medical airships will not be able to communicate until in the same general area; no wide area coverage

The VHF radios do not have alias' attached to them. Dispatchers can only go off your announced radio identifier to determine who you are

Due to Lifeguards not having consistent access to VHF radios, on all incidents with Lifeguards dispatched, the primary VHF CMD channel will be patched to 3C