

ARPSC Meeting 9-20-2021

- There have been three Amateur Television (ATV) Deployments in support of Lansing EM (Jeff Goeke-Smith)
 - Two were in Riverfront Park
 - One at Jackson Field
 - There are NO wired cameras at Jackson Field, so we are the best cameras Lansing EM has at the moment
 - All deployments used 3 cameras – two remote and one local at command
 - The cameras provided better picture of the events than the naked eye in low light conditions
 - Two TVs at the EOC at FS1 have failed
 - These TVs showed video feeds from ATV streams
 - These will be replaced with a single 4K monitor
 - Might end up with more 4K cameras in the future
 - Jeff noted that systems are being packed fully assembled for quicker deployment
 - Camera mounts have been moved down so two brackets could be put on pole
 - 3GHz is going away as well as those access points – need to look into 5.8GHz to replace them
- October 9th Statewide Emergency Test
 - Setup looks to be similar to the last one
 - Stations will be setup throughout the county to receive messages from other counties
 - Could try to send / originate more messages
 - Planning information will be uploaded to Basecamp
- November 19th Silver Bells
 - Currently have 9 volunteers and plan to setup three cameras
- Skywarn Updates
 - We have had a few Skywarn net activations this summer
 - Some events happened too quickly to start a net before storms were out of the county – or – we had difficulty getting a Net Control Operator (NCO) to star the net due to conflicts or timing (ie, during work day)
 - We currently have scheduled people on call to watch the weather and decide if a net is needed, but do not have scheduled primary NCOs
 - There were volunteers for being trained for NCO and being on call NCO during the day
 - There was discussion to have a committee look at
 - Updating the SOG
 - Formalize new NCO training
- MICIMS users: Make sure that you log in for annual verification and take any practice modules that have been referenced in emails
- Basecamp Application
 - Jeff is proposing that we do more operational project management within Basecamp
 - There was feedback on getting some more training on Basecamp, how to customize notifications, and it was given
 - There are plans to create or link to some tutorial material for new users
 - There was some talk about the cost of this program

- Jeff has been using the free program, but is willing to and has purchased use of the full version
 - Consensus was that using Basecamp did help to organize events and we will trial using it in more activations to test it out further
- LCDRA Presentation from Jeff Goeke-Smith KC8PUN
 - Jeff went through his presentation about LCDRA's current status and goals
 - Described the chance to move from current Eaton County tower at Potterville to the WKAR tower in Okemos to increase the footprint of the repeater
 - Rough Potterville math: Current 200' height leads to a 20 mile horizon
 - Rough WKAR math: roughly 600' location at WKAR tower would lead closer to a 35 mile horizon
 - Dennis ZQZ shared some thoughts and information about LCDRA and costs too
 - LCDRA used to keep 10k in the bank and have 200+ members
 - Feedline \$2/3 per foot, connectors at \$100, antennas at hundreds, duplexers are hundreds, tower climbers are a few thousand, insurance \$300/yr, new repeater \$2-3000
- Training Net on 9-13-21
 - Last net was a review of deployments, update on Skywarn procedures, etc
 - Had 12 check ins, plus NC, plus 3 +1s and went nearly 40 minutes
 - We are always looking for new topics for training and new NCOs
 - NO net control experience is needed to volunteer, we'll train!
 - NO membership in our group is needed to check into our net!
- Next Training Net will be on October 11th at 7pm on the 145.39 LCDRA Repeater
- Next ARPSC Meeting will be on October 18th at 7pm on Zoom
- Website has had some updates and additional content loaded
 - Skywarn conditions have been added back
 - Visit website at: <https://www.lansingarpsc.com/>
 - Visit and like/follow our Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LansingInghamARPSC>
- There is a new contact email that can be used to ask general questions and is listed on the ARPSC's website and Facebook page
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