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Announcement!

Vic Henderson, the District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for the GTA West, has decided it is time for a change. Vic has been involved with Amateur Radio Emergency Services in some capacity for virtually all his ham career. Under his tutelage, the ARES teams in Burlington, Oakville, Halton Hills, Milton, Mississauga and Brampton-Caledon have developed great working relationships with the partner Regions and Municipalities, Red Cross, St John Ambulance as well as with the local ham population.

Rick Harrison , VA3NV , will be Vic's successor.

Here is Vic's announcement

To all, As of June 1, 2010 I have relinquished my role as ARES District Emergency Coordinator for GTA West (Peel and Halton Regions). Having been in this posi-

tion for more than ten years, I felt it was time for a change, both for myself and the organization.

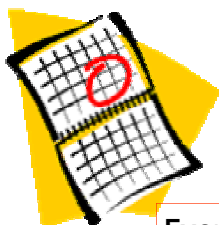
My replacement will be Rick Harrison VA3NV. Rick has served for many years as the Emergency Coordinator for Oakville and I have full confidence in him taking on this new role.

I won't be leaving ARES totally as I still believe strongly in its role in the community and I intend to continue to be a part of it. I have offered my services as a resource person to Rick and I will also remain as an active member of the Brampton/Caledon ARES.

I want to thank everyone for their support of ARES over the years. Each of you has contributed in your own way and your continued support will enable ARES to grow and provide a valuable public service.

73

Vic...VE3FOX



NEXT MEETING: July 11th meeting at 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. Red Cross, Oakville

- Events & Links
Milton Fleamarket July 10
Lighthouse Station Event August 21 and 22

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IN THE NEWS

From the ARRL
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ACTIVE
DURING SEVERE TORNADO
BREAKOUT IN NORTHWESTERN OHIO

06/09/2010

DURING the early overnight hours of Saturday, June 5 through Sunday, June 6, severe weather and tornadoes ripped across an area of Northwestern Ohio, laying a large path of destruction. ARES® and SKYWARN groups in Erie, Huron, Sandusky and Wood Counties activated nets as early as 10:30 PM Saturday, with many not standing down until 4:30 AM the next day. According to ARRL Ohio Section Manager Frank J. Piper, KI8GW, traffic on the nets was filled with reports of severe weather damage, flooding and downed power lines.

IN Wood County, ARES Emergency Coordinator Bob Schumann, W8NYY, reported that the severity of the damage quickly became apparent with the frequency of the reports coming in during a 15 minute window shortly before midnight on Saturday.

Tony Everhardt, N8WAC, and Assistant Emergency Coordinator Ed Brown, K8ZCS, gave on-site reports of severe damage to Lake High School, located in Millbury.

Everhardt reported that he was able to see the funnel cloud only when electrical transformers began exploding and lighting up the sky. Brown added that there were broken natural gas lines and downed power lines in the area as well, requiring Schumann to recall weather spotters from the area for their own safety. Hams relayed continuous reports on the net of telephone poles and power lines down blocking roads; live electrical wires were an immediate danger.

DURING the early morning hours, Schumann spoke with Wood County Sheriff Mark Wasyslyshyn concerning the state of communications. Wasyslyshyn advised Schumann he was setting up a temporary command center across from the Lake Township Police Department; that building had been heavily damaged by the tornado. The sheriff and Schumann decided to deploy the Wood County Amateur Radio Emergency Service trailer, as the trailer had a supply of police band radios, as well as a generator and Amateur Radio equipment.

EARLY Sunday morning, Wasyslyshyn reported that communications had been restored to Lake Township via temporary equipment. Many Wood County ARES® members remained on standby in case they were needed at a later time. The nets stood down at approximately 4:30 AM.

SCHUMANN said he is very proud of the work that was performed by the hams of Wood County, and thanks them for their dedication: "It's my hope that their dedication was responsible for the reports that ultimately sounded the sirens, which indeed saved lives."

DISTRICT Emergency Coordinator George Henzler, WB8HHZ, maintained contact with Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, during the time of the incident, as is outlined in the Ohio Section Emergency Response Plan. Sovik told the ARRL that "the professionalism of the ARES® members, working in conjunction with the National Weather Service and their SKYWARN program, as per the written Memorandum of Understanding, saved lives and kept the National Weather Service and the public apprised of the situation that was developing in the immediate affected areas."



CANWARN: Activation of our local CANWARN will now occur on VE3PDX. Listen on this repeater for Net Control in the event of a reportable weather system.

Martin Street Public School "SPRING FLING"

The Oakville A.R.E.S. Group returned this year to Milton for the "Spring Fling" fun activity at the Martin Street Public School.

The event was well attended by Milton residents and the weather turned out to be excellent, giving us a great opportunity to promote both Amateur radio and A.R.E.S.

The town is one of the fastest growing communities in the GTA and is part of Oakville A.R.E.S. area of concern.

Near the end of June I visited the Front office of the school and found that a picture of our station setup was included in the "Spring Fling" collage!

Thanks to all who lent a hand!

George, VE3OGP

One Liners

You may be a HAM if:

- A lightning storm takes out a new Laptop, Plasma TV, and DVD Recorder, but all you care about is if your radios are okay.
- Fermentation never enters your mind when "homebrew" is mentioned.



(Thanks to Gary, VE3TGH)

"Better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot." - Anonymous



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