

Johnson County (and surrounding area) Emergency Communications Service

Meeting minutes for: September 4, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Master Meter building on Regency Road in Mansfield.

In attendance: Andrew Podner, Rick Davis, Gary Pannell, Tommy Simons, Joshua Berry, and Patricia Berry.

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved by those in attendance.

Andrew Podner requested that we change the weekly net to another night and time. We agreed to change the net to Tuesday night at 7:00 pm for all Tuesdays other than the meeting night.

Andrew Podner read the proposed bylaws, which we briefly reviewed and discussed.

Andrew then read and explained the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between JARS and the City of Burlison. This document specifies our understanding of the role of JARS in meeting various communication needs to the Burlison EOC in the event of an emergency.

The remainder of the meeting was given to discussion of NIMS and ICS as it pertains to the Burlison EOC. Andrew detailed the general operating plans and command and control hierarchy of the Burlison EOC. He proposed that the minimum certification required for the Net Control at the EOC should be IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and SKYWARN Basic.

As a result of our discussion we decided the following:

1. We adopted the proposed set of bylaws which were then signed by President Andrew Podner and Vice President Rick Davis.
2. All JARS members lacking the minimum certification requirements should plan to take the FEMA ICS courses IS-100, IS-200, and IS-700 along with SKYWARN Basic as soon as possible.
3. IS-800, ARRL Emergency Communications I, and SKYWARN Advanced are also recommended, but not essential.

Times and dates:

Until further notice, monthly meetings will continue to be on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Master Meter Building. Weekly nets will be held on all other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.